



Rowena Academy

Curriculum Information for parents / carers

Our topics for this year are:

- Rhythm and Rhyme
- Superheroes
- Where in the World
- All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Areas of Learning

Communication and Language

We will be continuing to encourage children to talk about their experiences this term developing their speaking, listening and attention skills as they share their own ideas and listen to those of others. Children will be asked to answer questions on the information that they have heard and develop the ability to ask questions of their own.

Physical Development

The children will be encouraged to move with imagination and coordination in Dance and Gymnastics. This term our dance lessons will be linked to our All things Bright and Beautiful topic and we will be using seeds and growth as a stimulus for movement lessons.

Children will continue to develop their fine and gross motor skills in the classroom and the outdoor area.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Throughout this term in Reception your child will be learning to manage their own feelings and become more aware of the needs of others. Children will be encouraged to further develop their social skills through collaborative activities and group work and will be expected to extend their listening skills in these activities.

Our SEAL themes for this term are:

- Relationships
- Changes



Reception
Summer Term 2015

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th May -
May Day - School Closed
Thursday 7th May -
Cannon Hall Farm Visit
Wednesday 20th May -
Spring Disco
Thursday 21st May -
School Closes
Friday 22nd May -
Training Day
Monday 1st June -
School Reopens
Wednesday 10th June -
Class Photographs
Friday 3rd July -
Mini-Marathon -
Summer Fayre
Thursday 16th July -
End of Year Disco
Friday 17th July -
Panto
School Closes

Literacy

Your child will be continuing to develop their phonic knowledge to write simple regular words and make phonetically plausible attempts at more complex words.

Now children know their letter sounds they will be encouraged to name the letters of the alphabet.

We will be reading a selection of non-fiction books together and looking at how information can be found in non-fiction texts to answer questions about where, who, why and how.

Together we will be sharing a range of texts to develop an understanding of the elements of stories, such as main character, sequence of events, and openings. The children will be retelling the narratives in the correct sequence, drawing on the language patterns of stories.

The children will be writing for various purposes, using features of different forms such as stories, lists and instructions.

At home children can continue to use BUG CLUB, our online reading programme, to access reading books at home and enhance your child's learning. Just log onto www.activelearnprimary.co.uk and type in your child's log in information to access the eBooks.

Mathematics

Throughout this term we will continue our work on time, doubling and money which we introduced before Easter and we will be introducing the concept of halving.

Children will be encouraged to describe their solutions and to talk about their own methods and choices when solving practical mathematical problems.

At home children can log onto PURPLE MASH and play some of the Maths games on 'Maths City 2'.

Understanding the World

This term we will be investigating the concept of growth. The children will be planting and growing a variety of seeds and beans and looking at the best conditions for growth.

The children will be going to Cannon Hall Farm and following this visit up with various activities based on animal growth.

We will continue to develop the children's ICT skills and knowledge by introducing the use of digital cameras, video cameras and digital microscopes.

At home children can log onto PURPLE MASH, select the 'Spring' folder and watch the video of the lambs then use the writing frame to describe them.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term the children will be using our topic as inspiration for much of their work in Art and Design. They will have the opportunity to draw and paint various living things for example plants, flowers, insects and other animals.

Children will be responding to what they see, hear, touch, smell and feel when exploring objects and materials. Children will be using their experiences from our trip to the farm to inspire their work.

Please continue to support your child at home by also:

- Ensuring your child brings their book bag to school and changes their book regularly.
 - Encouraging your child to play various number games including addition, subtraction, doubling and halving and using money.
 - Encouraging your child to identify time.
 - Helping your child to recognise the numbers on their current target sheet.
 - Helping your child to identify and sound the phonemes we are learning and name the letters of the alphabet.
 - Practicing recognising the high frequency words in their current set.
 - Using Purple Mash and Bug Club on the computer.
 - Visiting the Kid Zone of the school website: www.rowenaacademy.org.uk
 - Completing our weekly homework tasks.
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