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# Rowena Academy

## Curriculum Information for parents / carers

Our topics for this year will be: "Wonderful Me!", "Ocean Explorers" & "Around the World in 80 Days".



Our topic for this term is 'Wonderful Me!'.

As part of our topic we will be visiting The English Institute of Sport in Sheffield.

**Year One**  
**Autumn Term 2015**

### Areas of Learning

#### Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be beginning to work on each of the following areas:

- Counting, Partitioning and Calculating.
- Securing Number Facts.
- Measures.
- Understanding Shape.
- Securing Number Facts and Relationships.

#### English

This term in English we will be learning about the following types of text:

- Labels, lists and captions.
- Recounts linked to our trip to The English Institute of Sport.
- Instructions.
- Performance poetry.
- Stories with a familiar setting.

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### Dates for your diary

- Breakfast Club starts - Monday 14th September
- First Maths Morning - Tuesday 22nd September
- Year 1 visit to The English Institute of Sport - Thursday 17th September
- First Reading Morning - Thursday 24th September
- Performance - The Owl who was afraid of the dark - Monday 12th October
- Parents Evening - Monday 12th October and Wednesday 14th October 3.15 pm - 5.30 pm
- School Disco - Thursday 22nd October 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm
- School Closes - Thursday 22nd October
- Training Day - Friday 23rd October
- School reopens - Monday 2nd November
- History Focus Week - Monday 2nd November
- Diwali Focus Day - Wednesday 11th November
- Individual and Family Photo's - Wednesday 11th November
- Children in Need - Friday 13th November
- Autumn Week - Monday 16th November
- KS1 Xmas Concert - Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th December (more information to follow)
- Xmas Party Day - Thursday 17th December
- Pantomime - Beauty and the Beast - Friday 18th December
- Xmas Lunch - Friday 18th December
- School Closes - Friday 18th December
- School reopens - Monday 4th January

## Science

In Science children will learn about "Ourselves" and "Living Things". The children have expressed a particular interest in discovering what goes on inside our body. We will be exploring the effects of exercise on our bodies and the benefits of healthy living through our visit to the English Institute of Sport.

We will also learn to identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

## Computing

We will be learning how to give clear instructions, in computing, to control our Beebots and iPads.

Children will use the following programs:

Dazzle - To create self portraits and pictures.

Word - Using text tools to present our written work.

PurpleMash - Explore games and moving picture tools.

We will also continue to use iPads, a digital camera, voice recorders and data handling software throughout our topic.

We will use the internet to research our visit to the "English Institute of Sport".

## Cross Curricular Themes

Self Portraits.

Colour mixing skills with paint.

Throughout our work in Art and Technology we will be using sliders to make parts of the face move.

We will hold a "History Focus Week", beginning on Monday the 2nd of November 2015, where we will learn about the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.

We will also hold a special week during the next half term to celebrate the season of Autumn.

### Having fun together at home you could....

Look on the internet at the English Institute of Sport. The web address is [www.eis-sheffield.co.uk](http://www.eis-sheffield.co.uk).

Discuss where different foods come from, the various food groups and how we can have a balanced diet.

### Please continue to support your child at home by also:

- Ensuring your child brings their book to school regularly and enjoys reading with you at home.
  - Practising letter recognition and formation.
  - Practising number formation.
  - Practising High Frequency words.
  - Practising I Can Spells.
  - Visiting the Kid Zone of the School website:  
[www.rowenaacademy.org.uk](http://www.rowenaacademy.org.uk).
  - Visit [www.purplemash.co.uk/sch/rowena](http://www.purplemash.co.uk/sch/rowena) to complete fun activities under the theme "Health & Growth".
  - Completing our weekly homework tasks.
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