



Rowena Academy

Curriculum Information for parents / carers

Our Topics for this year are:

- Colour
- Numbers and Shapes
- Toys
- Let's Investigate
- Animals
- The Jungle

Our topic for this half term is **Animals**. Our topic for the next half term is **The Jungle**.

The Nursery Visit to Sundown Adventure Land will be on Friday 11th July.

Areas of Learning

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this term the children will be focusing on:

- Extending their play by responding to others and forming good relationships.
- Developing confidence in their own abilities.
- Taking turns and sharing with their peers.
- Increasing their independence when selecting and using resources.

Communication and Language

In Communication and Language we will be learning to:

- Listen to stories related to animals, with increasing attention.
- Join in with stories and rhymes.
- Further extend their vocabulary through naming animals found on a farm, in a wood and in the jungle.
- Use language and our imaginations to take on different roles in our **Jungle** and **Gruffalo's Cave**, such as, **The Gruffalo**, **The Gruffalo's Child**, **explorers** and various jungle animals.

Physical Development

This term the children will be learning to:

- Hold a pencil near the point between their first two fingers and thumb.
- Write the letters in their name independently.
- Move in a variety of ways with confidence.
- Use one handed tools and equipment e.g. scissors, pens, pencils...
- Move in response to different types of music and use our balancing equipment safely.



Nursery Summer Term 2014

Dates for your diary

Nursery Visit to Sundown Adventure Land - Friday 11th July

Nursery opens—Tuesday 6th May

Thursday 22nd May - Nursery closed for Polling Day (rest of Academy open as usual)

Friday 23rd May - Nursery closed Training Day

HALF TERM

Nursery reopens—Monday 2nd June

Conisbrough Week begins - Monday 23rd June (more information to follow)

Mini Marathon and Summer Fayre - Friday 4th July (more information to follow)

Nursery Open Evening - Monday 7th July

Nursery Open Evening- Wednesday 9th July

Nursery closes - Friday 18th July

END OF TERM

Literacy

During this term the children will be learning to:

- Recognise the characters from Letterland and the sounds they make.
- Segment and blend sounds in simple words.
- Talk about main events and characters in a selection of stories and suggest how they might end.
- Listen to and join in with stories related to animals, such as *The Gruffalo*, *Rumble in the Jungle*, *Monkey Puzzle*, *A Squash and a Squeeze*, and *Percy the Park Keeper*.
- Use clearly identifiable letters in our writing.
- Use a variety of tools such as chalks, pens, pencils to practise handwriting patterns.

Mathematics

This term the children will be learning to:

- Count reliably five everyday objects.
- Recognise and order the numbers 1-10.
- Use positional language.
- Recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes.
- Order 3 items by their length.
- Use size language.

Understanding the World

We will be learning to:

- Identify what animals need to survive.
- Recognise and name different animals and their young.
- Talk about things they have observed such as plants, animals and found objects.
- Complete a selection of programs on the computer using the mouse and keyboard and operate the interactive whiteboard.
- To talk about the changes of animals and plants over time.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be learning to:

- Create simple representations of animals, objects and people.
- Use a variety of construction materials both indoor and outdoor to create planned models.
- Explore mixing colours using paints and choose colours for a purpose.
- Build a repertoire of songs and dances.
- Engage in imaginary play based on their experiences.

Having fun together and learning at home you could...

- Practise counting with your child.
- Encourage your child to hold a pencil near the point between their first two fingers and thumb when drawing or writing.
- Help your child recognise the Letterland characters and the sounds they make.
- Talk to your child about what they are writing or drawing.
- Share a book with your child.
- Help your child to recognise 2D and 3D shapes.
- Visit the Kid Zone of the school website. www.rowenaacademy.org.uk