



Rowena Academy

Curriculum information for parents/carers.
Our topics for the next two terms will be: 'Ocean Explorers' and 'Around the World in Eighty Days'.

Our topic for this term is 'Ocean Explorers'.

As part of our topic we will be visiting The Deep (date to be confirmed).

Areas of Learning

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be working 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:

- Poetry inspired by our topic and the seasons.
- Recount of our visit to The Deep.
- Stories including traditional tales and fantasy.

Science

In our science lessons we will be exploring a range of natural and man-made materials. Children will learn to identify and compare the properties of different materials. We will be using some of these materials to create our own underwater collages.



Year One
Spring Term 2016

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13th January

Spelling Challenge Launch

Thursday 4th February

School disco 4 - 5.30pm

Friday 5th February

Chinese New Year Festival Day

School closes

Tuesday 9th February

Safer Internet Day (followed up in school following half term)

Monday 15th February

School reopens

Magical Science Show
"Professor Brainstorm" -

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day

Wednesday 9th March

The Sorcerer's Apprentice
performance by Blunderbus
Theatre

14th - 18th March

Easter Festival Week

Friday 18th March

Sport Relief

School Closes

Monday 4th April

School reopens

Computing

In computing we will be undertaking a research project linked to our topic. We are going to use the internet to research and then present our findings on Microsoft PowerPoint.

We will be learning to use the following programmes:

- We will use the internet to research our visit to The Deep.
- We will also be learning about how to use the internet safely during 'Safer Internet Day'.
- Word - using text tools to present our written work and adding pictures and photographs from our visit to The Deep.
- Dazzle - creating pictures inspired by our English work and 'Ocean Explorers' topic.
- We will also be using a digital camera, iPad, voice recorders and data handling software throughout the topic.

Cross Curricular Themes

This term we are going to be exploring the work of the Argentinian artist Carlos Hiller. He is well known for his underwater scenes.

In Design and Technology we will be learning about different types of puppets and how they are made. We will use what we have learnt to design, create and evaluate our own pirate finger puppets!

Having fun together at home you could....

- Look on the internet at The Deep. The web address is www.thedeep.co.uk.
- Find out about sea creatures and their habitats.
- Read stories that will encourage children to write their own ocean explorer adventure.

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.

- Using Phonics and Grammar Bug at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk.
 - Practising high frequency word reading.
 - Encouraging your child in our new Spelling Challenge.
 - Using Purple Mash.
 - Visiting the Kid Zone of the School website:
www.rowenaacademy.org.uk.
 - Completing our weekly homework tasks.
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