



Rowena Academy

Curriculum Information for parents / carers

Our topics for this year are:

- Nursery Rhymes
- Super Heroes
- Bears
- Growth
- Where We Live

Our topic for this term is:

Nursery Rhymes

Areas of Learning

Communication and Language

This term your child will be involved in a variety of activities designed to develop their speaking and listening skills. Children will be listening to, retelling and acting out their favourite Nursery Rhymes.

Role play will be an important part of the curriculum this term and the children will be acting out different scenarios in the house, office, café, shops, amongst other role play experiences.

Physical Development

Children will be developing their fine motor skills, they will be learning to hold and use pencils, paint brushes and scissors correctly so that they can write, paint and cut out accurately.

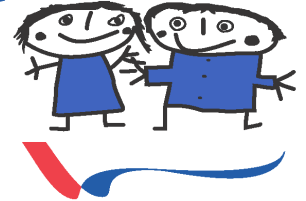
We will begin to move with confidence, show awareness of space and develop control of large and small movements in our P.E. lessons and in the Outdoor area.

As children become more independent we will be encouraging your child to dress and undress for P.E. with little adult support.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During your child's first term in Reception they will be learning to be independent, play co-operatively, show care and respect for others and to grow in confidence.

ROWENA ACADEMY



Reception Autumn Term 2013

Dates for your diary

Parents Evenings -Monday 7th
October and Wednesday 9th
October 3.15 –5.30pm.

Training Day—Friday 18th
October.

Disco—Thursday 24th
October.

School closes—Friday 25th
October.

School opens—Monday 4th
November.

Arts Week—18th November

Christmas Fayre—Friday 6th
December 3.00pm.

Christmas Concert—Tuesday
17th December at 10.00am
for parents of children in
classes 1 and 7, 2.00pm for
parents of children in classes
2 and 6.

Thursday 19th December -
Party Lunch.

Friday 20th December -

The 3 Bears Pantomime.

School Closes—Friday 20th
December.

We deliver the SEAL programme to support children's personal, social and emotional development through a range of Circle Time and group activities. Our SEAL themes for this term are:

- New Beginnings
- Say No to Bullying
- Getting on and Falling Out.

Literacy

Your child will be continuing to learn through Letterland this term. They will be learning to recognise, write and use letter sounds to build words. At Rowena we use the Letters and Sounds programme to support the development of children's understanding and use of phonics.

As our topic this term will be Nursery Rhymes we will be using these to teach early reading skills. Children will be learning how to sequence and retell familiar rhymes.

Mathematics

We will be introducing shapes, colours and numbers using the Number Puppies stories this term. The children will be learning to count, recognise, write and order numbers to 10 through songs, games and activities.

The children will be learning to recognise, create and describe patterns in the indoor and outdoor areas and encouraged to talk about the size, weight and position of objects in and around the classroom.

Understanding of the World

Children will be encouraged to explore their new surroundings using their different senses and talk about the similarities and differences that they observe.

The children will be provided with a wide range of objects, tools and materials and will be encouraged to make choices as to what they would like to build.

We will be introducing the children to our ICT Suite and the range of technology resources that we have in school to support and enhance their own learning. The children will be learning to use computer programs such as 'Dazzle' to paint a picture, the Interactive Whiteboard and encouraged to use the digital camera to take their own photographs.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will begin to explore colour, texture, shape and space in their creative activities. We will use Nursery Rhymes as a basis for much of our art, design and technology activities and we will also encourage children to express and develop their own thoughts and ideas.

Please continue to support your child at home by also:

- Ensuring your child brings their book bag to school and changes their book regularly.
- Helping your child to learn to write their own name.
- Encouraging your child to count anything and everything that they see.
- Going on number hunts when you are out and about, seeing how many numbers you can spot and name.
- Helping your child to identify and sound the letters of the alphabet.
- Encouraging your child to complete activities independently, for example dressing, undressing and fastening their own coat.
- Visiting the Kid Zone of the school website: www.rowenaacademy.org.uk.
- Completing our weekly homework tasks.