



Rowena Academy

Curriculum Information for parents / carers

Our topics for this year are:

- Nursery Rhymes
- Superheroes
- Bears
- Growth
- Where We Live

Our topics for this term are:

Superheroes and Bears

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 stories and will be encouraged to respond to what they hear with relevant comments and questions.

Role play will be an important part of the curriculum this term and the children will be acting out different scenarios in the Superhero Cave, Post Office, Forest and Sweet Shop, amongst other role play experiences.

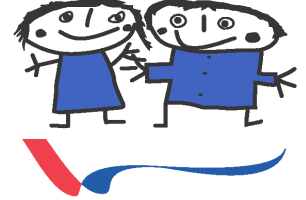
Physical Development

Children will be continuing to develop their fine motor skills. They will learn to hold and use pencils, paint brushes, scissors and craft tools correctly so that they can write, paint and cut with increasing accuracy.

The children will be encouraged to move with imagination and coordination in our P.E. lessons, utilising the space, skills and apparatus in both the indoor and outdoor environment.

As children become more confident they will be encouraged to participate in more team games and activities.

ROWENA ACADEMY



Reception Spring Term 2014

Dates for your diary

Chinese New Year
day - Friday 31st
January

Safer Internet Day -
Tuesday 11th February

Disco - Thursday
20th February

School closes -Friday
21st February

School reopens Monday
3rd March

World Book Day Thursday
6th
March

Fire Brigade visiting
school -Thursday 13th
March

Sports Relief Day -Friday
21st March

Parents Evenings
7th and 9th April

Easter Disco Thursday
3rd April

School closes Thursday
10th April

School reopens Monday
28th April

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Throughout this term in Reception your child will be developing their awareness of their own feelings and the feelings of others. They will be recognising and valuing their own achievements and working towards personal goals. We will be learning to develop respect for their own cultures and beliefs and those of other people through a range of multicultural activities.

Our SEAL themes for this term are:

- Going for goals
- Good to be me

Literacy

Your child will be continuing to develop their phonic knowledge through Letterland and our new resource 'Phonic Bug', this term. They will be learning to recognise, write and use the different phonemes and will be blending letter sounds together to build words and form simple sentences.

We will be learning to read a range of familiar and common words and simple sentences independently. Together we will be sharing a range of stories to develop their understanding of story structure.

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

Mathematics

We will be introducing the concept of money this term through role play and various practical games and experiences.

We will be learning to count, recognise, write and order numbers beyond 10 through a range of games and mathematical activities.

This term we will begin to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting and we will be talking about and creating different patterns.

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

Understanding of the World

The children will be learning about Superheroes this term. They will be provided with a wide range of tools and resources and encouraged to develop their own ideas and build creatively. They will also be given more specific activities, for example, to make a Superhero mask or design a Superhero logo.

We will also be looking at bears with a focus on 'old bears'. The children will be using their senses to identify similarities and difference between old and new teddies.

We will continue to extend the children's ICT knowledge and skills through the use of various computer programs and programmable toys.

At home children can log onto PURPLE MASH, select the 'Themes' folder and write about their own Superhero.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be continuing to explore colour, texture, shape and space in their creative activities. We will use their work on Superheroes and Bears as a basis for much of our art, design and technology activities. Children will be responding to what they see, hear, touch, smell and feel when exploring objects and materials. Children will be making their own Superhero costumes and completing observational drawings of teddy bears.

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 and using money.
- Helping your child to recognise the numbers on their current target sheet.
- Helping your child to identify and sound the phonemes we are learning at school.
- Practicing recognising the high frequency words in their current set.
- Encouraging your child to complete activities independently, for example dressing, undressing and fastening their own coat.
- 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.