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# Rowena Academy

## Curriculum Information for parents / carers

### Our topics for this year are:

- Rhythm and Rhyme
- Super Heroes
- Where in the World
- All Things Bright and Beautiful
- Where We Live

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Rhythm and Rhyme

### 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 and learning poems about Dinosaurs, Space, The Circus and Pirates.

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, Space Rocket, Space Station, shops, amongst other role play experiences.

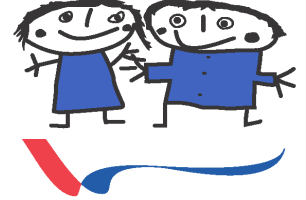
#### Physical Development

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.

ROWENA ACADEMY



Reception  
Autumn Term 2014

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### Dates for your diary

Dinosaur Workshop - Monday 22nd September.

Parents Evenings - Monday 13th October and Wednesday 15th October 3.15 - 5.30pm.

Disco - Wednesday 22th October.

School closes - Friday 24th October.

School opens - Monday 3th November.

Individual Photographs - Wednesday 12th November.

Children in Need - Friday 14th November.

Healthy Living Week - 17th November.

Christmas Fayre - Friday 5th December 3.00pm.

Christmas Concert - Tuesday 16th December at 10.00am for parents of children in classes 1 and 7, 2.00pm for parents of children in classes 2 and 6. Wednesday 17th December at 10.00am for parents of children in classes 3, 4 and 5.

Party Day - Thursday 18th December.

Pantomime, Red Riding Hood - Friday 19th December.

School Closes - Friday 19th December.

## **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.

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.

At home children can use, BUG CLUB, our online reading programme, to access reading books and enhance your child's learning. Just log onto [www.bugclub.co.uk](http://www.bugclub.co.uk) and type in your child's log in information to access the eBooks.

As our topic this term will be Rhythm and Rhyme we will be using simple poems to teach early reading and writing 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 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 a range of technology resources including ipads 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.

At home children can log onto PURPLE MASH, type in the word 'dinosaurs', 'space', 'circus' or 'pirates' into the search box and explore the many different activities available related to our topic. Just log onto [www.purplemash.co.uk/rowena](http://www.purplemash.co.uk/rowena) and type in your child's log in information to access the website.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

The children will begin to explore colour, texture, shape and space in their creative activities. We will use the themes of 'dinosaurs', 'space', 'circus' and 'pirates' 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](http://www.rowenaacademy.org.uk)
  - Completing our weekly homework tasks.
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