St Mark and All Saints
'Together we care, learn and achieve'
In the name of Jesus, The Good Shepherd
C of E Primary School

Rowan

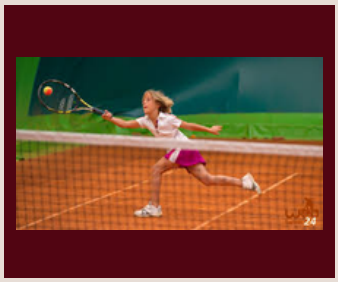
SPRING 2 NEWSLETTER 2026

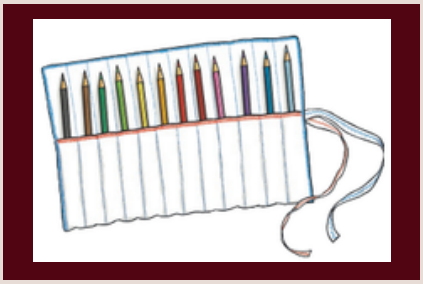
Welcome back everyone! You are now officially halfway through Year 5!

This half term in Geography we will be learning all about Trade and Economics. We will be learning about importing and exporting of goods as well as the supply chain of a food product.

During our DT lessons we will be learning how to animate our set designs from last half term using CAMS!

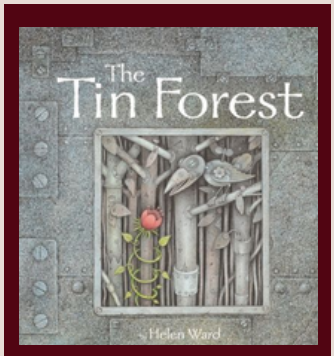
Our studies in R.E. will move onto learning about Judaism. We will be asking - What it is like to be part of a synagogue community? Whilst in Science we will continue our investigating around the different forces. In PE this term we will be learning skills in tennis and continuing to enjoy the facilities of Charterhouse School.





Talk 4 Writing

Using Helen Ward's powerful and poetic fable of 'The Tin Forest,' we think about the importance of looking after the Earth. We follow the story of an old man who dreams of living in a wild forest bursting with life, but lives in a grey and barren scrap-metal wasteland. This is a story about the power of resilience and perseverance or the idea that hope can spring in the darkest of places.



Our non-fiction unit will follow with a persuasive speech looking at the issues surrounding the destruction of the rainforests. We will use our school eco council action plans to help influence our own persuasive letters and speeches .

In 'a wide windswept place, near nowhere and close to forgotten' you will find the beginnings of the tin forest.

Maths

In Maths we will begin learning about decimals and percentages and then turn our focus to geometry, where we will explore angles.

Dates for the Diary

23/02/2026 - Inset day
24/02.26 - First day back
25/02/2026 - Parent Consultations
27/02/2026 - FOSMAS uniform and cake sale after school
02/03/2026- Book week launches
02/03/2026 - Open classroom
03/03/2026 - storytelling workshops
05/03/2026 - Reading cafe and last day for book day competition entries.
07/03/2026 - Book week exhibition from 2:45pm
11/03/2026 - Parent Consultations
17/03/2026- Easter service led by Ash and Willow classes 9:15am.
17/03/2026 - FOSMAS KS2 movie night
24/03/2026 - visit to prayer spaces at St Marks Church
Date TBC - Hindu workshop
27/03/2026 - FOSMAS Easter egg hunt and end of term, school finishes at 1pm.

Our value this half term is:

Forgiveness

Homework

We will continue to be setting homework on a Friday to be handed in by Wednesday. There will be a homework club during Wednesday lunchtime for children who would prefer to complete theirs in school. Tasks set which should take no more than 30 mins per week.

Children will continue to be given spellings to practise each week on Spelling shed with the weekly test on a Friday.

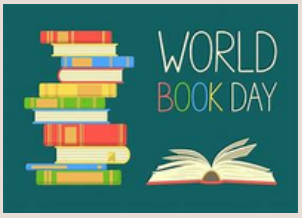
Please continue to encourage your child to visit TT Rockstars where they can expect class battles and even house battles this half term.

Please continue to listen to your child read every day and log their reading on the Boom Reader app. It has been great to use the tracking feature to see how your children's reading journey is going. Research shows that listening to your child read regularly has a huge impact on their progress in both reading and writing.

The school website has lots of extra information that you can download and use at home. You can find knowledge organisers for Science, History and Geography on our class page, as well as our model text and text map that we are using in our Talk for Writing sequence. Have a look here...https://www.stmarkallsaints.uk/copy-of-rowan-class-1

World Book Day 2026

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, with a week's focus on all things we love about books. We will be promoting reading for pleasure with many opportunities to share our love for reading and the different books we enjoy.



We learn new Trickbox strategies every half term to help with emotional management and personal development. More info at https://trickbox.co.uk