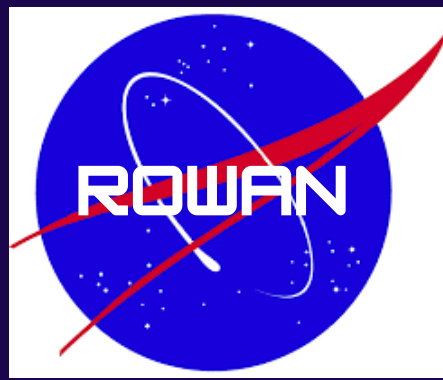




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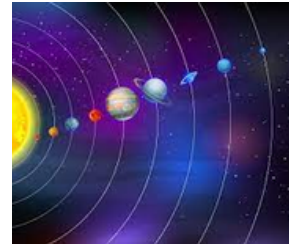


Hello and welcome to Year 5!



For **Science** this half term Rowan Class will be learning about Space and the movement of the Earth and other planets in our solar system relative to the sun.

For our first trip of the year we have a visit to Winchester Science Museum and Planetarium as part of this unit.



For **Geography** we will discover both the physical and human geography of our planet's largest mountains.

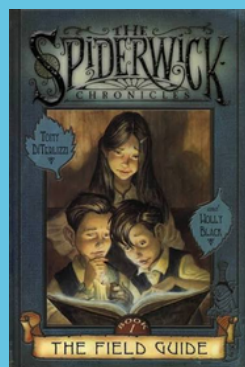
In **Art** we will be investigating typography and maps, our final pieces will see us creating 3D maps using typefaces we have developed ourselves.

Our **R.E.** will begin with a unit on Christianity, considering the Christian beliefs about creation.

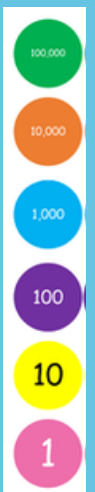
In **French** we will refresh our phonics and then combine our knowledge of numbers, days and months to express the date.



Our first **Writing** unit will be a narrative piece with a focus on building suspense. The stimulus text for this will be The Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi.

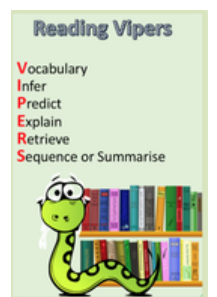


We begin in **Maths** by looking at place value within numbers up to 1000000 and following that we focus on calculations with whole numbers using the four operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



Our **Reading** lessons take in excerpts from different books each week. We use Reading VIPERS questions to help us understand texts. We use stem sentences to model how to answer more in depth questions and we aim to justify our answers by showing evidence from the texts we read.

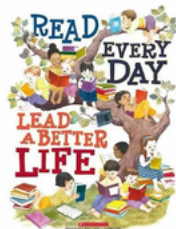
Alongside this, we share a class novel each day at the start of the afternoon. We will decide on our first book together at the start of term.



Dates for the Diary



01/09/2026: INSET school closed
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 03/09/2026: First day back
 08/09/2026: Y5 Meet the Teacher at 3pm
 02/10/2026: Y5 to Winchester Science Museum
 05/10/2026: Open Classroom at 2.45pm
 06/10/2026: Harvest Service at St Mark's Church
 07/10/2026: Parent consultation evening 1
 14/10/2026: Parent consultation evening 2
 19/10/2026: Half term break begins
 02/11/2026: Back to school
 02/11/2026: Open Classroom at 2.45pm



Regular **Reading for pleasure** promotes empathy and creativity, boosts cognitive growth and leads to improved academic attainment across a range of subjects. Please encourage your child to read daily at home. If they are struggling to find books they enjoy then do let me know and I will help them.

Our value this half term is:

Respect



Ideas for Days Out

To enrich your child's learning during Year 5 you might like to consider some of the following visits together during the year:

The Science Museum

Science: Space (Autumn 1), Properties of Materials (Autumn 2), Forces (Spring 1 and 2)

The Horniman Museum

History: Ancient Benin (Autumn 2)

The British Museum

History: Ancient Greece (Spring 1)

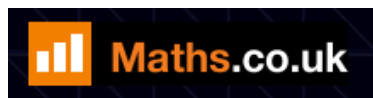
The Natural History Museum

Science: Life cycles (Summer 1)

The V&A Museum

History: Changes and human suffering during the Victorian era,
 Art: Victorian fashion (both Summer 2)

Homework



Weekly homework will be set online using Spag.com and Maths.co.uk and should be completed by Friday. Weekly tasks will be set on both platforms and children should expect to spend no more than 20 minutes on each task.

There will be weekly spellings to practice at home using Spelling Shed and these will be tested on a Friday. Children should practice their times tables for 10 minutes at least three times per week on TTRS.

Developing strong routines for homework from the start will really benefit your child's progress as they move through UKS2 and beyond.

Please support them at home to achieve these goals. Below is a suggested timetable to help make this more manageable. Children attending Treetops after school for the full session will be given time to complete their homework.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spellings 10mins Maths or English 20 mins Total: 30mins	TTRS 10mins Spellings 10 mins Total: 20 mins	Spellings 10 mins Maths or English 20 mins Total: 30 mins	Spellings 10 mins TTRS 10 mins Total: 20 mins	TTRS 10 mins Total: 10 mins