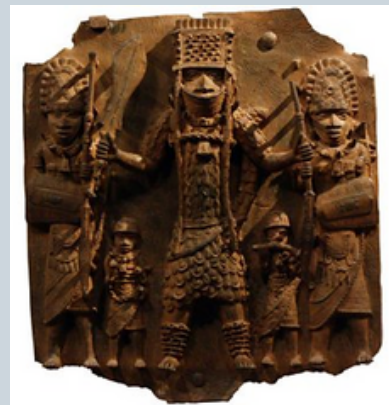




This half term Rowan class will be finding out all about the key achievements of the Ancient Benin civilisation of West Africa. We will be taking part in an African drumming workshop and continuing the study of African music in our class music lessons.

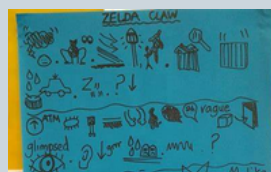
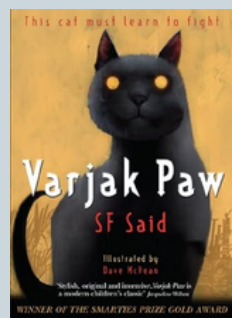
In Science we will be looking at properties and changing of materials. In RE we will be considering why the idea of rescue is important for Christians.



## Talk 4 Writing

OUR STORY WRITING UNIT WILL BE FOCUSED ON 'A TALE OF FEAR' - BASED AROUND OUR CLASS NOVEL, 'VARJAK PAW' BY SF SAID. WE WILL REVISIT AND DEVELOP OUR SKILLS IN CREATING SUSPENSE AND BUILDING TENSION IN OUR WRITING.

WE WILL THEN MOVE ON TO A SHORT POETRY UNIT AROUND THE GREEK MYTH 'THESEUS AND THE MINOTAUR' - GETTING TO KNOW THE STORY REALLY WELL, AHEAD OF OUR GREEK LEARNING NEXT TERM.



## Maths

Maths will be focused on multiplication and division as well as solving word problems.



## Dates for the Diary

03/11/25 Inset day

10/11/25 Open Classrooms

24/10/25 Year 5 drumming workshop

28/11/25 Tree planting at Eashing Cemetery

28/11/25 FOSMAS Christmas fair

11/12/25 Christmas jumper day

17/12/25 Christmas lunch

17/12/25 Carol Service at St Marks Church.

19/12/25 Last day of term.



Our value this half term is:  
**Service**

### Things to remember:

Forest School in Year 5 is on alternate Tuesday afternoons.

Children must have wellies and a coat in school every day so that they can access the field at playtime.

Our PE lessons are on Monday and Wednesdays so please ensure children come into school wearing regulation school PE kit on those days.

### Homework

We set homework on a **Friday** to be handed in by **Wednesday**. There will be a homework club during Monday lunchtime for children who would prefer to complete the homework in school. Tasks will be set for either Maths or English which should take no more than 30 mins each per week.

Children will be given spellings to practise each week on Spelling Shed. The test will be on a Friday morning.

Please encourage your child to visit TT Rockstars at home where they can expect class battles and even house battles this half term. Children should aim to practise for 10 minutes at least five times per week.

Please continue to listen to your child read every day and log their reading on Boom Reader. Not only are we very motivated to be the highest scoring class in school for frequent reading, but research shows that listening to your child read regularly has a huge impact on their progress in both reading and writing.

## How to help at home...



Continue to celebrate children's successes and to encourage positive attitudes towards school and learning. Talk to the children about what they are doing in class, we are very proud of all they are achieving and we know that they are too.



We learn new Trickbox strategies every half term to help with emotional management and personal development. More info at <https://trickbox.co.uk> We will also be running parent workshops in school to highlight these strategies. If you would like to attend please contact the school office.

