

Year 5 Curriculum Update Autumn Term, 2026

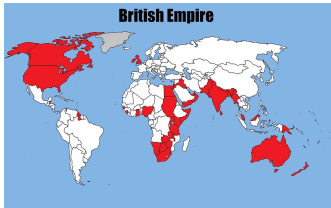
Humanities Topic 1: What and Where is Planet Earth? (Autumn 1)

Humanities Topic 2: Why Did Britain Have an Empire? (Autumn 2)



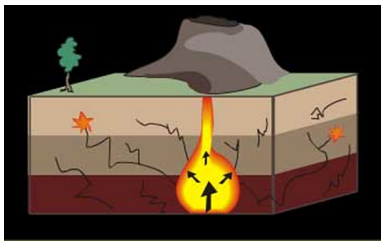
History

The growth of the British Empire and its effect on the world

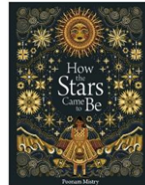


Geography

Volcanoes and Earthquakes



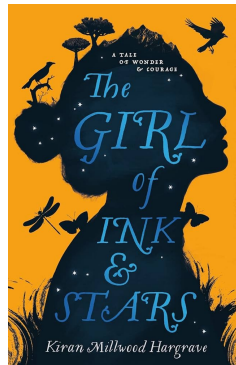
Writing



How the Stars Came to Be by Poonam Mistry (Narrative-Wishing Tale)

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave (Informal letter writing- Mythological Tale)

Reading



The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

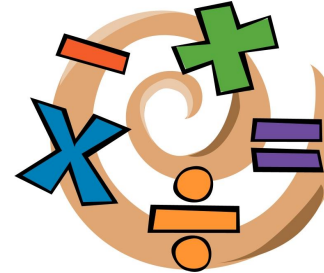
We will develop our comprehension skills through whole class reading lessons.



Rowan Class Library Day:
Thursday

Remember your book and Reading Record on this day.

Maths



Autumn 1

- Place Value
- Addition & Subtraction
- Multiplication & Division

Autumn 2

- Multiplication & Division
- Fractions

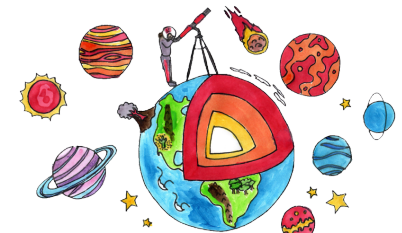


Each week, your child will be set **3 Mathletics tasks** and Multiplication Tables to practise on **TTRS** (at least 15 minutes per week).

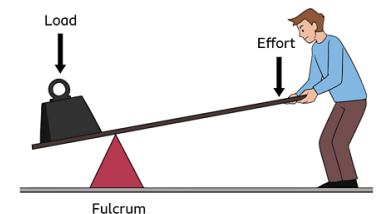
Your child should have received their usernames from their class teacher.



Science



Autumn 1: Earth and Space



Autumn 2: Forces

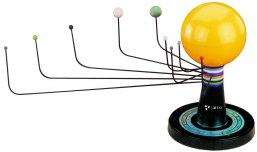
Art

Autumn 1: Van Gogh - Starry Night inspired piece



Autumn 2: Windrush inspired street art

Design and Technology



Building an Orrery

Computing

How can we use *selection* to make quizzes?



PE

Rowan Class PE day:
Tuesday

Please make sure your child wears trainers and comfortable PE clothes to school on these days.

The focus sports and activities for this term are:

Autumn 1:
Dance and Fitness



Autumn 2:
Gymnastics and Hockey

Home Learning



All Home Learning is shared through **Google Classroom**. Your child should sign in with their school Google Username to view posts and assignments.

Each week, your child must:

- Practise their weekly spellings and record in their Home Learning Book
- Read for 20 minutes every night
- Complete Mathletics tasks
- Practise for 15 minutes on Times Table Rockstars

Music

Our three Autumn term units are *What shall we do with a drunken sailor?* (Sea shanties), *Why we sing* (Gospel music, instrumentation and structure), *Songwriting* (studying song structure focusing on **Oasis's** 'Wonderwall' and **Destiny's** **Child's** 'Say my name').



Spanish



Autumn 1

We will be learning food vocabulary and how to order in Spanish, through our unit *En la cafetería* (In the café).

Autumn 2

We will build on this by learning clothes vocabulary and exploring Spanish speaking nations in our Traditions and Culture unit.

Religious Education



We will complete our RE lessons during an RE week at the end of **Autumn 1**.

Our Learning Question is: **Why do some people think God exists?**



PSHE

Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing:
Dealing with feelings

We will also be taking part in Brain Buddies on a Friday with the School Wellbeing Service (more information to follow)

Key Dates

7th September: Start of Autumn 1

15th September: Meet the Teacher (3:45/4:15)

24th September: Cardfields Residential parent information evening

Wk 21st/28th September: Bikeability Cycle Training begins (2 groups)

12th - 15th October: Cardfields residential trip

21st October: Cardfields assembly

Thursday, 22nd October: Hanover Global Feast (3:45-6:00pm)

HALF TERM : Mon 26th - Friday 30th October

2nd November: Start of Autumn 2

3rd/11th November: Parent Teacher meetings

9th November: London Transport Museum trip

17th November: Y5 Fire Safety workshop Workshop

Thursday, 26th November: Maths open classroom morning (9:15-10:00)

Friday, 4th December: Hanover Winter Fair

Wednesday, 16th

December: KS2 Xmas concert (2.30pm)

18th December: (2:00pm) Last day of term - early finish at 2pm