



**St Mark and
All Saints**
Together we can, here and abroad!
In the name of Jesus, The Good Shepherd
C of E Primary School

Rowan

**SPRING 1
NEWSLETTER
2025**

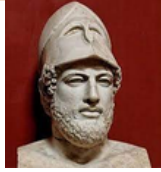


Happy New Year and welcome back to you all.

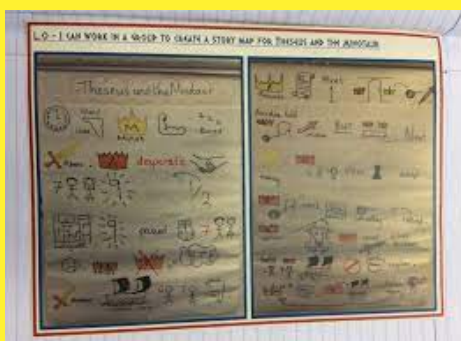
We have lots of exciting things to look forward this term in Year 5. We begin our learning in Ancient Greece and find out what legacies the Greeks left for us. As part of our wider learning on this topic, we will be holding a 'Greek Day' where we will take part in a variety of activities, including our own mini Olympics, Greek food tasting and creating our own Greek pottery.

In Art this term, we will look at set design, creating our own model sets inspired by our learning around the Ancient Greeks. In Science, we will begin our physics unit on forces, looking at gravity, friction, air and water resistance. In R.E we look at the religion of Judaism and find out what it means to be a part of a 'synagogue community'

In PE on Mondays, we look forward to some outdoor action on the hockey pitch and on Wednesdays we will be starting our enrichment afternoons at Charterhouse this term, alternating iin



Our model text this term is based on the Greek myth, Theseus and the Minotaur. Our writers' toolkit will focus on how to create action and help us to develop our own 'conquering the monster' stories.



Maths

Maths will begin with fractions and mixed numbers in January
- finding equivalents,
comparing and ordering and
then adding, subtracting and
multiplying fractions.



Dates for the Diary



- 6.1.25 - INSET day
- 7.1.25 - First day of term
- 15.1.25 - Y5 Enrichment afternoon at Charterhouse
- 22.1.25 - Y5 Enrichment afternoon at Charterhouse
- 29.1.25 - Y5 Enrichment afternoon at Charterhouse
- 31.1.25 - FOSMAS Bounce for Books
- 7.2.25 - Y5 Enrichment afternoon at Charterhouse
- 3.2.25 - Open Classrooms
- 12.2.25 - Y5 Enrichment afternoon at Charterhouse
- 11.2.25 - Y5 'Greek Day'
- 12.2.25 - Y5 Enrichment afternoon at Charterhouse
- 17-21 Feb - Half Term week

Things to remember:

Forest School will be on alternate Fridays this term. We endeavour to be outside whatever the weather, so be prepared with waterproofs and wellies please.

Our class PE lessons are on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your children come into school in those days in their PE kit, ensuring they are warm enough to be outside.



Our value this half term is:
Perseverance

Homework

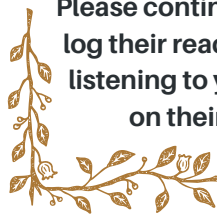


We will continue to be setting homework on a Friday to be handed in by Wednesday. There will be a homework club during Tuesday lunchtime for children who need some further help or time to complete by the deadline in school. Tasks will usually be Maths and English and should each take no more than 30-40mins per week.

Children will continue to be given spellings to practise each week, following a spelling pattern. These can be found and practised on Spelling Shed <https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login>

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 BOOM reader. Research shows that listening to your child read regularly has a huge impact on their progress in both reading and writing



stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the internet and mobile phones.

S SAFE: Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M MEET: Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A ACCEPTING: Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE: Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are. Make sure you check information before you believe it.

T TELL: Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.



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READ EVERY DAY!