



Enriching Learning Summer Term 2024 Rowan Class 'The Americas'



Maths

www.mathletics.com/signin

Mathletics offers:

- *Live Mathletics – Practise mental Maths skills by competing against members of your class or children from around the world.
- *Activities - Pick an area of Maths that you would like to improve in. Choosing the topic that the class is currently studying would be a great idea. Can you turn the topic bar gold?
- *Skill Quests – Can you apply your knowledge to a wider range of questions?
- *Meritopia – These special set of games can only be accessed when you have earned enough points! Can you open the door to Meritopia?

<https://trockstars.com/>

Times Tables Rock Stars offers:

- *Single player games - Use these to increase your speed, accuracy and confidence.
- *Multiplayer games - Take on your friends, people around the world or even your teachers!
- *Tournaments - Look out for various battles against other classes throughout the term!

Other useful websites for Maths:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

Reading

As always, we expect you to read for at least 20 minutes for a minimum of three sessions per week. Make sure that you record these sessions in your reading diaries so that, when you reach a reading record milestone, you can be entered into the Reading Raffle. **Diaries will be checked every THURSDAY.**



Spellings

Each week, your child will receive a sheet (stuck in their homework book) with their spelling pattern on and some examples of that pattern. They will also have 5 different key words to learn each week. The sheet will also include a suggestion on how to practise their spellings. Feel free to get creative in this area!

On **Fridays**, your child will be tested on 5 random words from their pattern and the 5 key words for that week.

Topic Focus – The Americas

The following links will help you to develop your understanding of our topic this term:

<http://mayas.mrdonn.org/>

http://www.ducksters.com/history/aztec_maya_inca.php

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zq6svcw>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/geography/index.html>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/category/discover/geography/>

Homework Timetable

Below is an example of a possible timetable for homework:

Mon	Read for 20 mins
Tues	
Wed	Read for 20 mins
Thurs	Practise spellings
Fri	
Sat	Read for 20 mins
Sun	Complete homework

English Activities:

- The Maya had lots of Gods. You could research them and create your own God. What will it be the God of? Farming? Chocolate? Sunshine? Why not create a myth all about your God.
- You could write a travel guide about a country in North or South America. Try to persuade your reader to visit that country. What is the weather like? What attractions would they like to see?
- Write a piece for a non-fiction book about the Amazon rainforest. You could describe the animals and plants found there and how they are adapted to survive in a rainforest.
- Write a poem about animal found in the Americas. It could be an acrostic poems where the name of the animal forms part of the poem.

Maths Activities:

- Maya Maths - Research the symbols that the Maya civilisation used for numbers. Can you create a question sheet of calculations using these symbols? Remember to create an answer sheet too.
- Complete the 'Area and Perimeter' activity from Nrich <https://nrich.maths.org/7280> showing your working out.

Human Body Maths Project

Can you prove or disprove the following statements using accurate measuring?:

- The length of your foot is the same distance as the length between your elbow and your wrist.
- Your height is the same as the distance between your fingertips when your arms are fully stretched ('wingspan').
- The total lengths of all your fingers is the same length as your leg.

Topic Activities:

- Research a country in North or South America. You could create a fact file or map that includes details such as: capital city, river, mountains, language or currency...
- Create a quiz about North and South America. You could include questions about the animals and plants found there.
- Maya Bake Off - Plan and cook a family meal that is inspired by the Maya. This could include maize, chocolate and beans. Can you write instructions for how to make your meal or create a menu?
- Maya Fashion - Create your own headdress. Remember, the taller the hat, the more important you will be! Use bright colours and interesting textures. You could even add feathers.
- Research and present information about one of the following:
 - Are the Maya similar to the Aztecs and the Incas? What do they have in common? How are they different?
 - The location of the Maya civilisation. Could you make a 3D map?
 - A Maya leader. You could make a fact file about them.
 - What the Maya wore. Could you design and make an outfit?
 - Who the main Maya Gods were. Could you create a character profile or design a mask?

The above is a suggested list of ideas. If you would like to carry out your own project, we would be excited to see it. Homework should be handed in every Friday.