

Year 5
Rowan Class
Information Meeting
2026-2027

Our School Aims

A caring, fun loving, learning community



Our School Values



Celebration
Co-operation
Creativity
Equality
Honesty
Perseverance
Respectfulness

Our Class Charter

Respectfulness

We show respect to others and all property. We try to be polite at all times and listen when others share their thoughts or ideas.

Co-operation

We always try to be supportive, **inclusive**, and show **equality** to one another.

Honesty

We aim to be honest at all times, particularly when playing competitive games.

Perseverance

We use strategies or resources to help our independence and seek support from peers or adults only after having a go ourselves.

Creativity

We encourage and **celebrate** the creativity and talents of others.

Team Rowan!

Rucstall Safety Passport

My Keeping Safe Passport 2024-2025

In School				
 School values	 Worry Box	 Being kind to all	 Trusted adults in school I can talk to	 Our rules on keeping safe in Computing
Both in and out of School				
 Know how to travel to and from school safely	 Know some basic first aid	 Know how to be safe around animals	 Know how to phone the emergency services	 Know which trees and plants can be dangerous

Exciting Opportunities this year



Trips



Hovercraft
Trip to Ryde

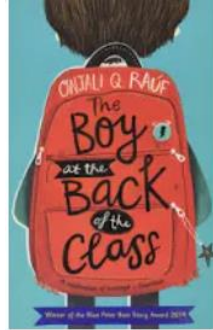


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Fire Service Visit

Reading in Year 5



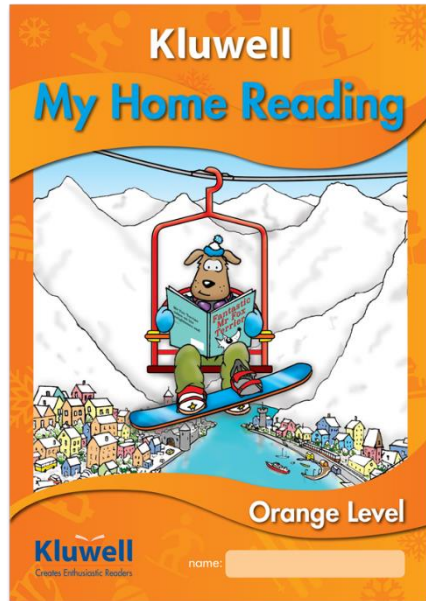
Comprehension skills:

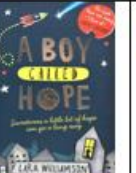
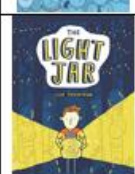
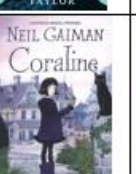
- Vocabulary
- Infer
- Predict
- Explain
- Retrieve
- Summarise

Reading Fluency

Enjoyment and pleasure for reading!

Reading in Year 5



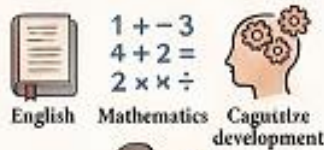
				
				
				
				
A non-fiction book related to an Ancient Civilisation	A non-fiction book related to Victorians	A selection of poetry	A teacher's recommendation	A friend's recommendation

Reading is essential for future success!

THE BENEFITS: MORE THAN JUST WORDS



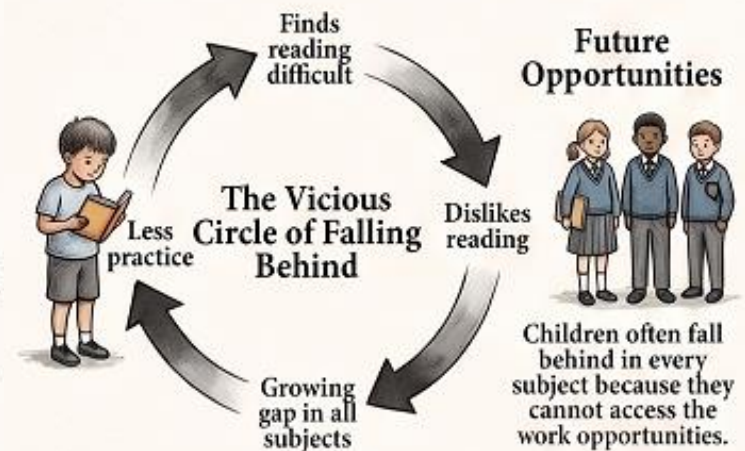
Emotional Wellbeing and Empathy
Reading allows children to lose themselves in books, helping them understand new perspectives and manage their own feelings.



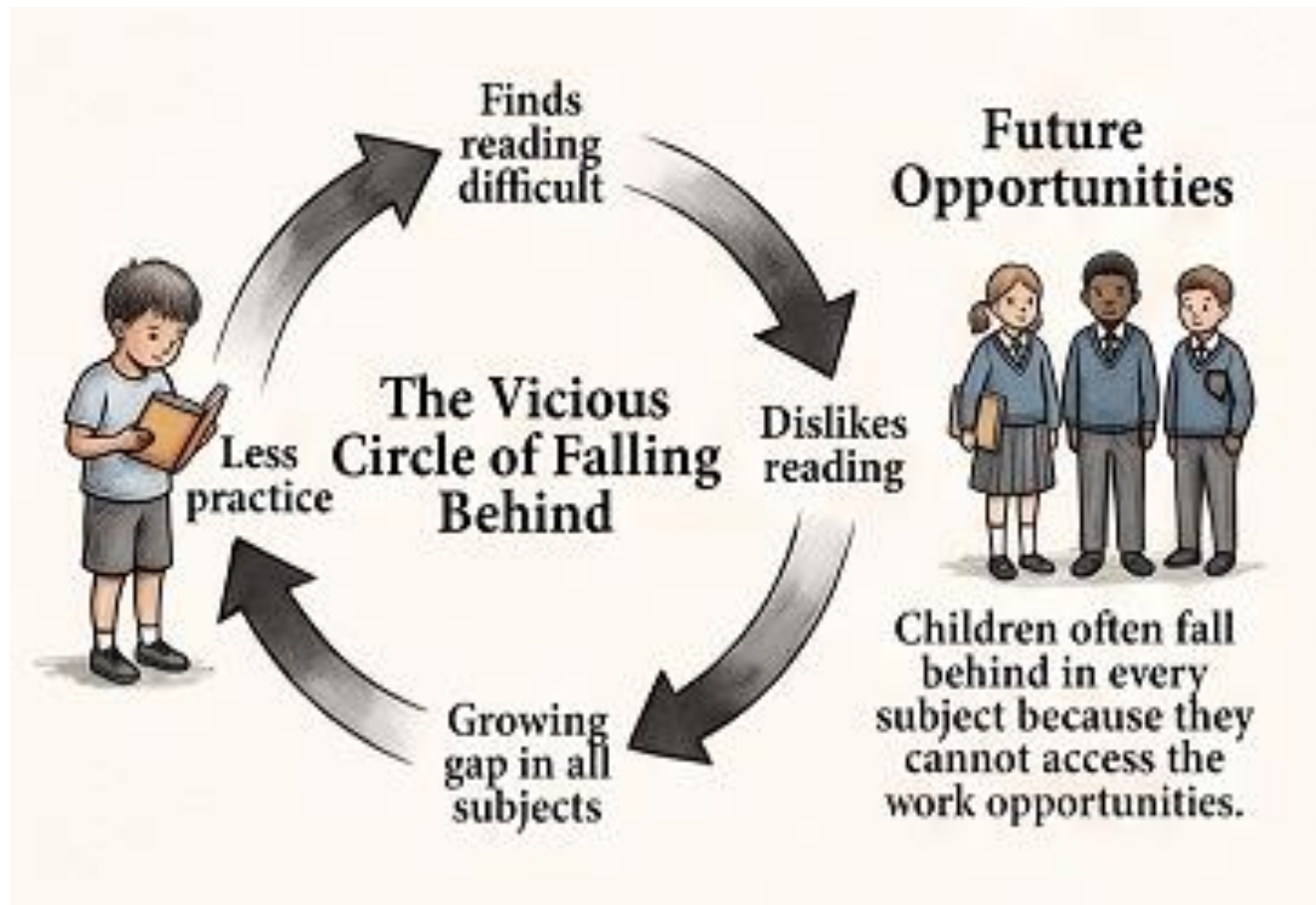
Academic Success Across the Board
Regular reading for pleasure is associated with higher performance in English, mathematics, and general cognitive development.



Building Background Knowledge
Books introduce children to 'rare words' and complex ideas they would rarely encounter in everyday conversation.



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There is now the evidence, if they haven't passed SATs reading:

- Pupils who do not meet the expected standard in reading at KS2 show higher average absence rates throughout secondary school
- weak reading skills do not just impact GCSE English, data shows it strongly correlates with lower overall GCSE grades across all subjects

The Wider Curriculum



Which was the most significant ancient civilisation for us today? What was the greatest achievement of the Ancient Egyptians?



Rocks, fossils
and evolution



Ukulele



Basketball and
dance

Home Learning Expectations

- Children need to practice spellings (Spelling Shed) by completing 8 games per week
- Times Tables (TTRS) online for 10 minutes a day. This is still so important as at least 50% of maths is based on times tables.
- Reading records will also come home tomorrow and we expect 4 reads a week, 5 would be great. 😊
- I will take the Reading Records in every Wednesday

Homework

High impact for very low cost based on very limited evidence

Implementation cost ?



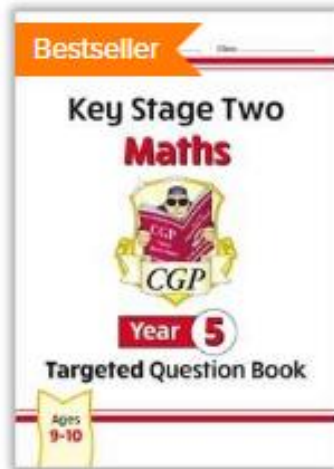
Evidence strength ?



Impact (months) ?



Home Learning further learning



 Quick View

KS2 Maths Year 5 Targeted Question Book

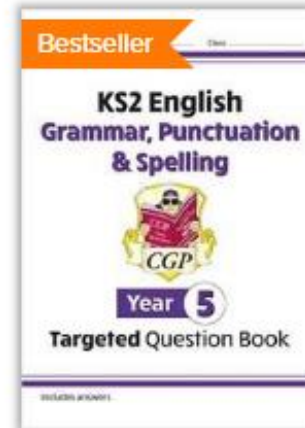
M5Q25

In stock

★★★★★ (124)

Retail Price: £6.60

School Price: **£3.15**



 Quick View

KS2 English Year 5 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling Targeted Question Book (with Answers)

E5W23

In stock

★★★★★ (144)

Retail Price: £6.95

School Price: **£3.95**

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/>

Supporting my child

Ensuring they come to school prepared – correct uniform, correct PE kit (Come to school wearing it on) and water bottles. (Lunch boxes, if needed)

Talk about what they have been learning

School Website: Class Webpages – Rowan Class

Supporting your child with life skills

Dive Into Swimming: A Life Skill for Every Child

While 9 out of 10 parents agree that swimming is an essential life skill, a significant number of UK children are missing out. This infographic highlights the developmental advantages of swimming and addresses the urgent need to ensure every child is water-confident.

Why It Matters Now

1 in 3



1 in 3 children in the UK cannot swim.

This gap is growing as school swimming lessons have dropped by half since the previous generation.



Overcoming Barriers.



A Vital Life Skill.



Overcoming Barriers.

Time and cost are common hurdles, but water safety remains the top priority.

3 Amazing Benefits of Swimming



Safety & Survival Skills.

Significantly lowers the risk of drowning while building physical stamina and strength.



Brain & Skill Booster.

Improves maths problem-solving, language development, and precision in tasks like drawing.



Emotional & Social Well-being.

Builds perseverance and confidence while reducing stress and helping children feel socially comfortable.



Beyond the Screen: Building a Brighter Future for Our Children

THE DIGITAL REALITY: CURRENT STATISTICS

2 Million Children Struggling with Speech.
27% increase in just the last two years.

The Internal Struggle of Youth.

52% of young people wish they spent less time on devices.

Friction in the Home.

47% of parents report arguments over screen time in recent weeks.

IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT



Short-Term Physical and Mental Effects.
Excessive screen use links to eyesight strain, increased obesity, and disrupted sleep.



Long-Term Brain and Social Development.
High daily screen time can negatively impact early cognitive development, social skills, and academic attainment.



Mental Health and Wellbeing.
Clinicians connect social media to eating disorders, anxiety, and device-related stress.

RISKS OF INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



Not All Content is Created Equal.
Platforms carry risks of inappropriate content and bullying.



Age-Inappropriate Gaming.

High-Intensity games can expose children to developmentally inappropriate themes.



The Danger of Online Communication.
CEOP warns inappropriate online communication can lead to sexual abuse; maintain open conversations and use reporting tools.

THE SOLUTION: RECLAIMING CHILDHOOD



The Power of Real-World Play.
Transitioning from screens to reading, creative hobbies, and being outdoors gives children more "successful and longer life chances."



Delay the Smartphone.
Join the "Parent Pact" to delay smartphones and social media.



Meaningful Alternatives.
Switch to child-friendly "brick" phones for essential communication without addictive apps.

We are seeing the impact on education and their development

Snacks

- Children are welcome to bring in their own snack, but this must be fruit or healthy. Biscuits, popcorn and such are not appropriate.



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Secretary & Mum to
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CHARITY NUMBER: 1020158

Thank you!

We all look forward to
working together again this
year

