

Rowan Class Homework Menu

Last terms Homework Project again resulted in an incredibly high standard of homework. This term, we continue to set project homework alongside the Maths or English set each week. This menu details a range of fun activities including Oracy activities that can be completed at home to extend your child's learning. Please help your child to choose and complete a selection of these activities. To fit in with your family life, they can be completed after school, at weekends or as a half term project. If you would like further suggestions, please feel free to select from the homework menus of other classes which are all available on the school Website. Children are asked to share at least one of the activities with us in school. **The deadline for this homework is Wednesday 3rd March** and we ask that the homework is not brought into class until after half term.



English

- Write a story in diary form detailing your expedition into the forests of Central America and your discovery of a ruined Maya city.
- Research and write a biography of either Frederick Catherwood or any other archaeologist who studied the Maya.
- Choose a poem or short piece of prose that you enjoy, learn it by heart and prepare a performance of it to give to the class.
- Design and make your own picture book that tells a story in illustrations rather than words.

Suggested Reading List

- Picture books for older children eg "Varmints" by Helen Ward & Mark Craste, "Tuesday" David Wiesner.
- Any non-fiction book about the Maya (try the local libraries)
- *Middle World (Jaguar Stones)* by J and P Voelkel

Science

- Take or draw a picture of one room in your house. Label what things are made from and say why they are made from that material.
- Mix sand and salt into some water then design an experiment to separate them all again.
- Design an item of hi-tech clothing to be worn in the Arctic. How will you keep the wearer warm? What other features will you add?

The Maya

History & Geography

- Produce a flick book animation of Maya people playing the Ball Game.
- Build a map or 3D model of a Maya city (real or imaginary).
- Research some of the foods we have got from the Maya and make a dish (or a whole feast!) to show off some of these ingredients.
- Create a timeline of the Maya Civilization showing key events.

Mathematics

- Can you create a maths problem or board game based on the Maya civilisation?
- Plan a budget for an expedition to South America. Use websites to find prices for flights, equipment etc.
- Make a powerpoint presentation showing how the Maya number system worked.

Art & DT

- Research Mayan art work and then make a relief carving in the same style.
- Find out about Frederick Catherwood then try sketching a local historic site "in the field" or try sketching a Maya site from a photograph.

Possible Family Trips & Visits

- Cadbury World – find out about the links between the Maya and chocolate.
- The Cambridge Science Centre
- The British Museum – Maya collection
- Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology