

# Rowan Class - Term 2

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## Term 2

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new term in Rowan Class! I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. First of all, I would like to thank you for all the support that you gave to your child and their learning last term. I was really pleased to see almost all children regularly completing their weekly homework and we really enjoyed sharing the amazing creative homework during the last week of term!

This week, we have had a fun week back at school and the children particularly enjoyed the pantomime yesterday! On Monday, we started our new topic called "Location, Location, Location!" Our topic has two main aspects to it. The first has a geography focus where we will be learning about the local area. The second has a science focus where we will be learning about space. Attached to this letter, you will find a knowledge organiser for our topic detailing the key knowledge that children will be learning and some helpful links to games and videos to support learning at home.

I would also like to remind you about our trip to Winchester Science Centre on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023. If you have any questions about this, then please do come and ask.

Finally, thank you to those of you who came to a parent/carer evening appointment last term. It was lovely to meet you and have the opportunity to discuss your child's learning and development. As always, if you ever need to speak to me then the best time to catch me is straight after school. Alternatively, you can contact me by the class email address ([rowanclass@longleaze.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:rowanclass@longleaze.wilts.sch.uk)) and I will get back to you either by email or phone. If you ever have any queries or concerns about your child in class, then please do not hesitate to use this.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Tye  
Rowan Class Teacher

## PE

PE will be on **Monday** and **Thursday** this term.

On these days, your child will need to wear their PE kit to school.

We have now finished our swimming lessons for the year.

A huge well done to all the children for the progress they made during these lessons. It was a pleasure to see so many develop in both their confidence and their skills.



# What have we been learning?

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## Term 1 – Extreme Earth

Rowan Class absolutely loved our last topic, learning all about rocks and natural disasters. Please have a look at some of our learning opportunities from last term.



In DT, we made and tested the strength of different shaped pillars to help us design sturdy bridges.

In science, we learnt about rocks and sketched our observations and tested properties of different rocks.



In art, we used different painting techniques to create striking volcano artworks.



We loved sculpting, painting and erupting our own mini-volcanoes! It was great fun creating a 'ring of fire' and watching all the eruptions!





# Location, Location, Location



## Geography Vocabulary

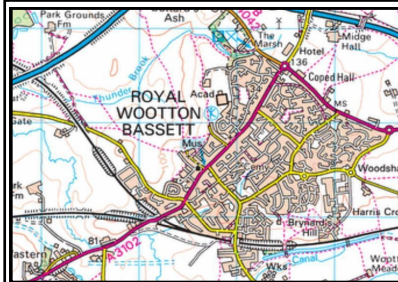
<b>continent</b>	A large area of land.
<b>country</b>	Land that is controlled by a single government.
<b>county</b>	An area where a local council provides services.
<b>rural</b>	Countryside or farmland.
<b>urban</b>	Towns and cities.



**Maps** can often look very different as they are drawn to show different things.



Human features	Physical features
 The things made by or altered by people.	 Things that occur on the planet.



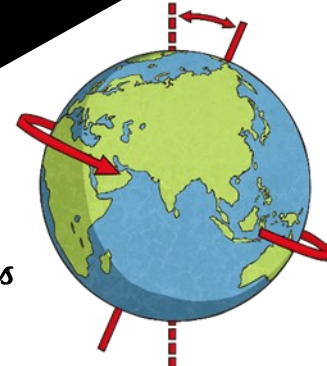
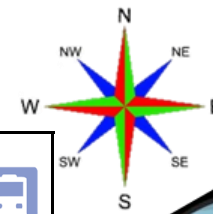
**Land use** The land in and around Royal Wootton Bassett is used for different purposes.

Some is for **transport** with roads or train lines.

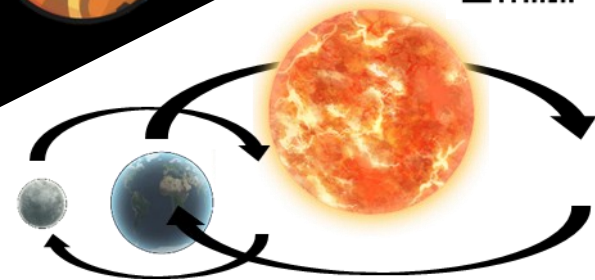
**Residential** areas are where you can find houses and **commercial** areas are where you find shops.

### Keys

Maps use symbols to represent things. The key explains what the symbols show.



The Earth **rotates** on its **axis**.



The Earth **orbits** the sun. This takes 1 year.

The Moon **orbits** the Earth. This takes 1 month.

## Science Vocabulary

<b>axis</b>	An imaginary line that a body rotates around.
<b>orbit</b>	To move in a regular, repeating curved path around another object.
<b>rotate</b>	To spin.
<b>Satellite</b>	Any object in space that orbits something else.
<b>solar system</b>	The collection of eight planets that orbit around our sun.
<b>spherical bodies</b>	Objects in space that are shaped like spheres.

