



Ramsgate Arts Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum - Term 6



Morning Routines

Year 4 children will continue to be welcomed from 8.15 am each day at the playground doors to the rear lobby. They will unpack their bags and then find their seat. Each morning, the interactive whiteboard will outline the timetable for the day and some Early Morning Work. The children are expected to prepare themselves for the day by using the toilet before the register, washing their hands ensuring that their morning snack is placed in their tray and their water bottle is filled up.

English

In Term 5, we shall be reading 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White. A poignant, humorous story of a pig, a spider and a little girl. Wilbur the pig's life has already been saved by Fern, but when he is sold to her uncle, he realises his life is in even more danger. Enter Charlotte A. Cavatica, a beautiful large grey spider. Charlotte is determined to keep Wilbur from the chopping block, and comes up with an ingenious way to do just that. As usual, the story will be used to inspire the children's writing. Over the coming Term, we shall be writing a balanced argument about whether it is right or wrong to kill Wilbur as he is the 'runt of the litter', creating an explanation text about how spiders make webs and contrasting the book and film versions of Charlotte's Web.

Reading

It is our expectation at Ramsgate Arts Primary School that children read for at least 10 minutes every night. They might do this through Bug Club, a banded book or a free choice book. Books can be changed in the morning and feel free to communicate with the Year 4 team through your child's reading record. Children are also heard reading throughout the week in class with an adult.

Maths

We teach Maths daily and all sessions begin with an arithmetic starter and are followed by a main session of learning. This term we will be expanding our learning with more work on decimals, money and time. There will also be a continuing focus on times tables, especially as children in Year 4 are expected to know all of their times tables (up to 12x) by the time they take the national test at the start of Term 6. Most areas of Maths depend on good times tables knowledge; please rehearse them with your children as much as possible at home.

RAPS Curriculum

This term, we will have two short topics. entitled 'Life All Around Us' and 'Sound'. For the first few weeks we will be classifying animals by the features, with a particular emphasis on invertebrates, and exploring local eco-systems. Within the unit of learning on Sound, we explore how sound travels, pitch and sound insulation. We will conclude by creating our own musical instruments.

PE

Year 4 will have PE every Monday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that they come to school wearing appropriate outdoor PE kits.

General

Sipping water throughout the day aids concentration and learning. Please provide your child with a water bottle which they may keep in the classroom throughout the day. It is vital that pupils arrive at school on time and that absence is kept to a minimum. Frequent lateness and absences can have a huge negative impact on a child's learning so please try to have your child in school by 8.30 am every day.

Uniform

Our school uniform exists both for health and safety reasons and to develop a sense of pride and responsibility in being a member of the RAPS community. The uniform policy includes the expectation that all children will wear black school shoes (trainers are not acceptable footwear), that long hair should be tied back at all times and that with the exception of a watch and a pair of small stud earrings NO jewellery may be worn by children. We also ask you to remember that children should not be wearing make-up or nail varnish to school and hair styles should not be extreme - this includes unnatural hair colours. The school's uniform policy is listed online. Please ensure your child is dressed according to this policy and that all items of clothing are clearly named.

Home Learning and Blogs.

A 'Love to Learn' task will be sent home each term. These will be explained to the children and info will be uploaded onto the blog too. Weekly spelling will be sent weekly via the blog as well. Times tables should be practised at home and children are tested every Friday. Blog posts will keep you up to date with our classroom learning.

Arts Curriculum

Through our Arts curriculum the children will focus on Music, Dance, Drama and Art. These subjects will be taught across the week in the afternoons.