



Morning Routines All Year 2 children will be welcomed from 8.15 am each day at the classroom door. They will unpack their bags and then find their seat. Your child will be expected to put their own book folder in the box each morning. The children are expected to prepare themselves for the day by using the toilet before the register and also ensuring their water bottle is filled up. The door will then be shut at 8.30 and the children must register and discuss their school dinner preference at the office.

English – This term we will be studying 10 Things I Can do to Help my World by Melanie Walsh, a non-fiction picture book with practical ideas on how we can be environmentally friendly which features interesting facts; and The Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd-Stanton. Erin loves to lie on the jetty, looking for the weirdest fish in the sea—the weirder, the better! And she knows the best ones must be further out, where her mum won't let her go . . . Out there in the deepest sea lies the Black Rock: a huge, dark and spiky mass that is said to destroy any boats that come near it! Can Erin uncover the truth behind this mysterious legend?

RWI – At Ramsgate Arts Primary School we believe that phonic knowledge is the key to building a strong reader. At RAPS we follow the RWI programme. We firmly believe that no matter their age children should complete this programme to help them gain fully phonetic awareness. Therefore, this year some children will be completing their RWI programme from Year 1 and others, who have completed the programme, will join English – text based programme.

Phonics Screening -In November all Year 2 children, whether they have completed the programme or not, will take part in the statutory phonic screening. All children will have access to phonic boosters at school, however please help your child at home by reading regularly and rehearsing key sounds.

Maths - We teach Maths daily and all sessions begin with an arithmetic starter followed by a main session of learning. This term we will be focussing on the following areas: place value, money, multiplication and division. Most areas of Maths depend on good number bonds and times table knowledge; please rehearse them as much as possible at home. Particularly the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

RAPS Curriculum – This term we will be beginning a geography-based topic entitled The Natural and Human World. Within the topic we will learn about human and physical features. We will learn how to use maps and a compasses. We will begin our topic by completing an Art 2 Start lesson about land art inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy.

Home Learning and Blogs

Spelling – Every week the children will be set spellings on a Friday, they will be tested the following Friday.

Love to Learn projects - Love to Learn projects will be set once a term. They will be based upon the current topic. Please keep up to date with the blog and class letters to find out the Love to Learn for this term!

Times Tables Rock Stars – In the front of your child's reading record you will find their TTRS password. Please allow your child to login to the app regularly to rehearse times tables knowledge.

Arts Curriculum

This year the children are very lucky to experience our incredible Arts Curriculum teachers. On a Wednesday they will be taught Music by Ms Walton and on Thursday they will be taught PE with Mr Robinson and Art with Ms Vost. The children are very excited and we are looking forward to seeing their creativeness shine!

Reading

It is our expectation at Ramsgate Arts Primary School that children read for at least 10 minutes 4 times a week. Please sign your child's reading record when you read with them. **Please also ensure that your child has their reading record in the school box every day** so that they are able to read with another adult. Please also ensure all Reading Records are in on a Friday to be signed by your child's class teacher. Children will be listened to once a week by an adult in school.

PE - Year 2 will have PE every Thursday.

Team Holloway will also have PE on Tuesday, and Team Okai will also have PE on Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit. Please ensure, as the weather is very changeable, that children are wearing the appropriate outdoor kit.

General - Sipping water throughout the day aids concentration and learning. Due to COVID we cannot provide access to our water fountains. Please provide your child with a water bottle which they may keep with them 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.**