



## Ramsgate Arts Primary School -Year R Curriculum



**Morning Routines** All Year R children will be welcomed from 8.15am each day at the classroom doors. They will unpack their bags, hang up their coat, put their book in the basket and put their water bottle in class. Please encourage them to do this independently and say goodbye to them at the cloakroom. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to the teacher at the door. Each morning, there will be a range of fine motor, maths and literacy activities on the tables that the children can choose from. During this time they will change their reading books and register with the class teacher.

**Read, Write, Inc.** In Term 1 we will be teaching the children a new sound a day as a whole class. We will learn what words start with that sound, how to form the letter and a catchy phrase that helps us to remember the sounds. We will be encouraging the children to try and hear the initial sounds in words and then moving onto orally blending three sound words. This quickly progresses onto building and writing CVC words. We will begin to learn some 'red words' such as I and the. When we have taught the set 1 sounds we will be sending home a sounds book weekly (new sounds will be added every Friday) and also encourage them to think of as many words that begin with that sound.

**Reading** It is our expectation at Ramsgate Arts primary School that children read for at least 10 minutes every night. Please continue to read one of our book corner books to your child and change this daily (by putting this in the basket). When your child is ready later in the year we will send home phonics reading books. When these start please sign your child's reading record when you read with them. Please also ensure that your child has their reading record at school every day so that they are able to read with a teacher or TA.

### Maths

We teach Maths daily and all sessions begin with a warm up starter and follow by a main session of learning. This term we will be focussing on the following areas: number recognition, counting to 20, finding more and less, simple addition and subtraction, 2D shapes and using positional language. To help at home, please point out any numbers to 20 on doors, shops and anywhere you see them and practise counting out loud.

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This term, we will be beginning a topic entitled 'Marvellous Me'. We will be celebrating ourselves, friends, families, animals, communities and cultures. As well as this we will look at what different people celebrate and the similarities and differences that there may be. We will also be learning the school values and how we can use them in our play.

**PE** In year R we do smart bodies/ beam daily and PE every Monday afternoon. We will be using the NHS BEAM programme this term to develop the children's gross motor skills. We will notify you when we will begin to change for P.E. during the term but please start to purchase the kit and bring it into school.

**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.

Our 'Love to Learn' tasks will be sent home this term will be about *family traditions*. What do you celebrate in your family? How do you do this? Do you have a particular routine? Do you eat special food as a family? This can be taken in any direction with photos, captions, drawings, art work. Please let this be your child's ideas and work but please feel free to help them to present this.

**Arts** Through our Arts curriculum the children will focus on Music and Dance. These subjects will be taught on a Monday afternoon. We also have daily art, drama, dance and music sessions and the arts are also built into everything we do here at RAPS.

**General** Sipping water throughout the day aids concentration and learning. 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. Please also bring in wellies and a coat for outside learning.