



Ramsgate Arts Primary School - Year R Curriculum-Term 5



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 5 we will be changing groups for RWI and introducing the children to a number of new sounds, including special friends. Some of us will be recapping set 1 and 2 and other will be learning set 3 sounds too. We will be encouraging your child to try hearing the sounds in four and five sound words, with special friends and some of the children will be starting to write sentences and short stories. This quickly progresses onto using capital letters and full stops. We will also be having a focus on handwriting with the correct letter formation and heights and ensuring we use finger spaces between words. Please encourage your child to hold their pencil in the tripod grip at home. We will begin to learn some more tricky 'red words' from memory and we will be introduced to new 'green words' which we will be encouraged to 'read in our head' to help build fluency and speed when reading. Please complete your child's sounds book with them 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 and orally blending 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 counting, a mental and oral starter and follow by a main session of learning. This term we will be focussing on the following areas: Number bonds to ten, number beyond ten, making larger numbers, doubling, 3D shapes, counting in 2's and 10's, subitising, sharing, matching and much more.

Maths depend on a solid understanding of number. Please practice counting everything forwards and backwards, pointing out numbers in the environment and practise writing numbers using the formation 0 to 10 with your child.

Arts

Through our Arts curriculum the children will focus on Music and Dance. Dance will be taught on a Monday afternoon with Miss T and Music on a Friday with Miss Stevens. As well as this the arts are also built into everything we do here at RAPS.

RAPS Curriculum

This term, we will be beginning a topic entitled 'Ready Steady Grow'. We will learn all about plants and animal growth, including lifecycles. Children will explore the natural world around them and describe their immediate environment. Children will be growing their own food, learning how to take care of plants and animals and learning to cook healthy meals. We will also be hatching our very own chicks in week 5 and watching them change and grow.

Home Learning and Blogs.

Our love to learn home learning this term will be 'beach art'. You can choose to take this in any direction you choose. This could be a 3D model or a piece of art using beach materials such as sand and shells. This should be your child's work but please support them with creating it. We are so excited to see your submissions.

This will be due in after the May half term.

PE

In year R we do smart bodies/ beam daily and PE every Monday afternoon. We will be working on our team races. Please ensure that every Monday your child wears the school P.E. kit to school. There is no need to send in their school uniform. Please see the policy for more details.

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.

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.