



Ramsgate Arts Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum-Term 3



Morning Routines

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

English

In Term 2, we will be studying what is probably my favourite book in Year 4: 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.' This is a magical story about a china rabbit from an award-winning author Kate DiCamillo. Abilene loves her blue china rabbit, but Edward Tulane is extremely vain and only loves himself. On a voyage to London, Edward falls overboard and from there embarks on an amazing journey. He travels with hobos, works as a scarecrow, comforts a dying child and finally learns what it is to truly love. Using the story as our inspiration, we will be turning a section from the novel into a play-script, writing a series of informal letters between Edward and Abilene and finally writing a short biography of Edward's life.

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, followed by a main session of learning. This term we will begin by looking at formal methods of multiplication and division, followed by a unit of learning on area and finishing with an exploration of fractions, which will continue into Term 4. There will still be a heavy focus on times tables, especially as children in Year 4 are expected to know all of their times tables (up to 12x) by the end of the year. Most areas of Maths depend on good times-tables knowledge; please rehearse them with your children at home.

RAPS Curriculum

This term, our topic is entitled 'Blasts from the Past.' Within this unit of learning, we explore the Ancient Egyptian civilisation including how the pyramids were built, mummification, hieroglyphics and King Tut! We will finish by beginning to examine the ascent of the Roman Empire and what life was like under Roman rule. Keep checking our blog to see our Topic learning.

PE

Big changes this term! We will have Dance on Wednesdays and our PE will be the long awaited 'Swimming!' This will be on Thursday afternoons. Further information will be sent out to all parents.

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. 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.

Home Learning and Blogs.

At least one '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.

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. We also ask you to remember that children should not be wearing make-up or nail varnish to school. 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. Dance will be on Wednesday, so please send the children in their PE kits. Swimming is on Thursday, so swimming attire and a towel will be needed.