



#### **Morning Routines**

All Year ... children will be welcomed from 8.15 am each day at the classroom doors. They will unpack their bags and then find their seat. Each morning, the visual timetable will outline the timetable for the day and some Early Morning Work linked to their learning will be ready on their desks. This could be an English, Maths or Topic based activity. 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.

### English

In Term 1, the theme is 'mystery and adventure'. We will begin by reading a book called 'Rooftoppers'. This is the story of 'Sophie' who was shipwrecked as a baby and rescued by a man called Charles. Sophie is sure that her mother is still alive and the story follows her adventures from London to Paris as she searches for her mother. Within this unit of work, we will discover the features of mystery and suspense, write in role as characters from the book as well as dipping into other mystery novels such as 'The London Eye Mystery' where we will write a newspaper report and a police report. In addition, we will write the story of 'Alma'- a short film with no narration or dialogue.

#### Maths

We teach Maths daily and all sessions begin with recap of the previous day's learning followed by a main session of learning. This term we will be focussing on the follow areas: place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division (including long division) and time. There will also be a heavy focus on mental arithmetic. Most areas of Maths depend on good times table knowledge and an ability to recall facts; please practise this as much as possible at home.

## RAPS Curriculum

This term, we will be beginning a topic entitled 'Materials and Forces'. Within this unit of learning, we explore what things are made of, magnetism, forces such as gravity, air resistance and friction. We will also experiment with states of matter (solids, liquids and gases).

### **Arts Curriculum**

Through our Arts curriculum, the children will focus on music, dance, drama, art, PE and ICT. These subjects will be taught Monday-Thursday afternoons.

# Reading

It is our expectation at Ramsgate Arts primary School that children read for at least 10 minutes every night. However, children are required to read at least 3 times per week and this should be recorded in their reading record. Reading records need to be handed in each Monday to be checked. If there is not evidence of 3 reads in a week, a letter will be sent home.

### PE

Year 6 will have PE every Monday and swimming each Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that they have a full kit in school and bring their swimming kits on Thursdays.

### 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.

# 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.

Two 'Love to Learn' tasks will be sent home this term. Weekly spelling, times tables and an additional piece of learning will also be set in homework books. Our class blogs posts will also keep you up to date with the learning in our classroom.