



#### **Morning Routines**

All Year 5 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 interactive white board will outline the timetable for the day and also some Early Morning Work linked to their learning. 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 3, our focus book is 'Ice Trap!' by Meredith Hooper. This dramatic picture book tells the story of Shackleton's incredible adventure in the heroic age of Antarctic exploration. Sir Ernest Shackleton set off from England with a team of explorers to walk across the Antarctic and study the icy depths of this new and forbidding continent. But it was not plain sailing! We will be reading the book during guided reading sessions then exploring it further in English through drama and writing in role as the characters. We will also explore the settings through poetry and create non-fiction pages based on our own independent research.

#### 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 subtractions, multiplication and division, fractions decimals and percentages. There will also be a heavy focus on times tables. Most areas of Maths depend on good times table knowledge; please practise them as much as possible at home.

## RAPS Curriculum

This term, we will be beginning a topic entitled 'Eco Warriors?'. Within this unit of learning, we will revise the World's continents, learn about rivers and coasts including the effects of erosion as well as Fair Trade. We will also look at recycling and how we can do our bit for the environment.

## **Arts Curriculum**

Through our Arts curriculum, the children will focus on music, dance, drama and 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. Please continue reading on Bug Club and ask Miss Dannell if you have any issues.

## PE

Year 5 will have PE every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that they have a full kit in school. They will be studying dodgeball this term.

#### 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 and homework will also be sent via regular weekly blogs. These blogs posts will also keep you up to date with the learning in our classroom.