



Morning Routines

All Year 2 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. 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. The door will then be shut at 8:30 and the children must register their school dinner preference at the office.

English – This term we will be studying *The Snail and the Whale* by one of the children's favourite authors; Julia Donaldson. One tiny snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on the tail of a whale. Together they go on an amazing journey, past icebergs and volcanoes, sharks and penguins, and the little snail feels so small in the vastness of the world. But when disaster strikes and the whale is beached in a bay, it's the tiny snail who saves the day. The book has been chosen based on our 'Habitats as Homes' topic. We will focus on the genre of narrative writing. The children will focus on the text for 3 weeks before looking at other stories with a similar structure.

RWI – At Ramsgate Arts Primary School we believe that phonic knowledge is the key to building a strong reader. At RAPS we follow the RWI programme. We firmly believe that no matter their age children should complete this programme to help them gain fully phonetic awareness. Therefore this year, some children will begin the year completing their RWI programme from Year 1 and others, who have completed the programme, will begin the year on an English – text based programme.

Maths - We teach Maths daily and all sessions begin with an arithmetic starter followed by a main session of learning. This term we will be focussing on the follow areas: place value and number. Most areas of Maths depend on good number bonds and times table knowledge; please rehearse them as much as possible at home. Particularly the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

RAPS Curriculum – This term our topic is called 'Habitats as Homes'. The topic is focussed on where animals from all over the world live. During the topic we will use key words such as 'habitat', 'adaptation' and 'life cycle'. We will also be incorporating some design work into our topic and will create our own 'bug hotel'.

Home Learning and Blogs.

Spelling: Every week the children will be set spellings on a Friday, they will be tested the following Friday.

Love to Learn projects: Love to Learn projects will be set every 3 weeks. They will be based upon the current topic. Please keep up to date with the blog and class letters to find out the Love to Learn for this term!

Arts Curriculum

This year the children are very lucky to experience 3 of our incredible Arts Curriculum teachers. On a Tuesday they will be taught drama with Mr Williams and on a Thursday they will be taught Music with Mrs Walton and Art with Mr Brown. The children are very excited and I am looking forward to seeing their creativeness shine!

Reading

It is our expectation at Ramsgate Arts Primary School that children read for at least 10 minutes every night. 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 another adult. Please also ensure all Reading Records are in on a Friday to be signed by Miss R-B. Children will be listened to once a week by an adult in school

PE Year 2 will have PE every Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that they have a full kit in school. They will be studying ... this term we are to learn about team games. Please ensure as the weather is very changeable that children have both summer and winter sports wear in their bag.

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.