



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

This term, we will be reading a classic of children's literature, 'Skellig by David Almond. This will link to our theme of 'Friend or Foe' in English. We will initially be writing our own chapter of Skellig, based on predictions of where we think the story will lead. We will be doing our extended writing piece about the creature itself, writing a non-chronological report for inclusion in a book about fantastic creatures. We will finish the term by deepening our knowledge of persuasive writing, this time in the form of an e-mail.

Maths

We teach Maths daily and all sessions begin with an arithmetic starter and follow by a main session of learning. This term we will be focussing on the follow areas: solving problems involving money and time, position and direction and properties of shape. Both mental maths skills and multiplication and division are heavily reliant on a good working knowledge of times tables, please rehearse them as much as possible at home. Times Tables Rock Stars and Mathletics are available to support at home if you have access to a computer, tablet or smart phone.

Home Learning and Blogs.

'Love to Learn' tasks will be set for each topic, check the website for details. Weekly spelling and times tables will also be sent via regular weekly blogs. These blogs posts will also keep you up to date with the learning in our classroom.

RAPS Curriculum

This term, our topic will be our second history focus in Year 5 going under the heading of 'Invaders and Settlers'. Taking inspiration from our rich local history in Thanet, we will look at how our lands have been invaded and settled over the years, from the time of the Romans to the last of the Anglo Saxons kings being defeated by William in 1066. Keep checking our blog to see our topic learning.

Arts Curriculum

Through our Arts curriculum the children will focus on Music, Dance, Drama and Art. These subjects will be taught during the afternoons.

Reading

It is our expectation at Ramsgate Arts primary School that children read for at least 15 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 a teacher or TA.

PE

Year 5 will have continue to have PE every Monday and Wednesday afternoon and dance on Thursday. Please ensure that they have full kit in school.

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.