



#### **Morning Routines**

All Year 6 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 'journeys' and our core text is 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. A young boy called Michael is travelling with his parents around the world on a yacht after his parents lost their jobs at the brickworks and decided to sail the seven seas. One night Michael is on lookout duty with his dog, Stella, when a storm throws them overboard. They awake on an island in the Pacific. After finding food being regularly left for him, Michael meets an elderly Japanese man called Kensuke, who is also living on the island. The pair form a friendship but will Kensuke be able to help Michael find his family again? The children will write a persuasive argument, rewrite parts of the story from different perspectives as well as read other stories about journeys such as 'Way Home' and 'The Journey'.

# 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: fractions, decimals and percentages, geometry- properties of shapes, measurement- volume, capacity, mass, length and money, four operations and statistics. 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.

# 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.

# RAPS Curriculum

This term, we will be beginning a topic entitled 'Globe Trotters'. Within this unit of learning, we will explore different parts of the world including North and South America, Machu Picchu and the Seven Wonders of the World. We will also learn about famous explorers including Shackleton and Columbus.

#### **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.