



# Ramsgate Arts Primary School

## Year 4 Curriculum Term 1



### Morning Routines

All Year 4 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 whiteboard will outline the timetable for the day and also some Early Morning Work linked to their learning. The children are expected to prepare themselves for the day by using the toilet before the register, washing their hands and also ensuring that their morning snack is placed in their tray and their water bottle is filled up.

### English

In Term 1, we shall be reading an interesting book called 'The Pebble in my Pocket'. It is an award-winning tale that manages to combine both a story and information text together. It follows the journey of a pebble from its formation millions of years ago through to the present day and introduces much of the vocabulary we will be using in our topic. Over the coming Term, some of the writing we shall be producing includes a book review, several different types of poem and a short story based on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We shall also be looking to practise our dictionary and thesaurus skills as well as using Drama and Art in the classroom to explore our understanding of the text.

### Reading

It is our expectation at Ramsgate Arts Primary School that children read for at least 10 minutes every night. They might do this through Bug Club, a banded book or a free choice book. Books can be changed in the morning and feel free to communicate with the Year 4 team through your child's reading record. Children are also heard reading throughout the week in class with an adult.

### Maths

We teach Maths daily and all sessions begin with a counting and arithmetic starter and are followed by a main session of learning. This term we will be consolidating last year's work on place value, number facts and the four operations. There will also be a heavy focus on times tables, especially as children in Year 4 are expected to know all of their times tables (up to 12x) by the end of the year and will sit a government test to check their recall. Most areas of Maths depend on good times tables knowledge; please rehearse them with your children as much as possible at home.

### RAPS Curriculum

This term, we will be beginning a topic entitled 'Incredible Earth'. Within this unit of learning, we explore planet Earth and some of its incredible features. We will look at how earthquakes occur and at different types of volcanoes. We will also explore the different climate zones and biomes that exist on Earth. Keep checking our blog to see our Topic learning.

### PE

Year 4 will have indoor PE every Monday and outdoor PE and Dance on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that they come to school wearing their PE kits on those days.

### 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.

### 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.

### Home Learning and Blogs.

At least one 'Love to Learn' task will be sent home each term. These will be explained to the children and info will be uploaded onto the blog too. Weekly spelling will be sent weekly via the blog as well. Times tables should be practised at home and children are tested every Friday. Blog posts will keep you up to date with our classroom learning.

### Arts Curriculum

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