



Ramsgate Arts Primary School

Year 4 Curriculum



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. This could be an English, Maths or RAPS Curriculum based activity. The children are expected to prepare themselves for the day by using the toilet before the register and also ensuring that their water bottle is filled up.

English

In Term 1, we shall be looking at stories from different cultures and will be reading a wonderful children's story entitled 'Gregory Cool'. This story explores the journey of a young city boy who arrives in Tobago to visit family. Here, he is exposed to the island and the way of its people and cannot help but come to love them. Over the coming Term, some of the writing we shall be producing, inspired by this text, will include character descriptions, setting descriptions, diary entries, dialogue and a travel guide. We shall start to learn and revise key PAG concepts, including the development of expanded noun phrases and paragraphs, and will also keep practising our dictionary and thesaurus skills too. As always, we will be using Drama and Art in the classroom to develop and support our writing further.

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. All teacher communication takes place through the child's personal reading record and sometimes through Bug Club online. Children are also heard reading throughout the week in class by an adult.

Maths

We teach Maths daily and all sessions begin with an arithmetic starter and are followed by a main session of learning. This term we will be focusing on the following areas: Number, Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. There will also be a 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. Most areas of Maths depend on good times tables knowledge. Please rehearse them with your children as much as possible at home as this will help to build their confidence and speed.

RAPS Curriculum

This term, we will be beginning a topic entitled 'How We Live'. Within this unit of learning, the children will explore ways of maintaining healthy lifestyles and will learn more about their skeleton, muscles and organs. This RAPS topic will begin, as always, with an exciting Art to Start. Keep checking our blog to see our Topic learning.

PE

Year 4 will have PE every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a full kit in school, including appropriate footwear.

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.

'Love to Learn' tasks 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 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.