



# Ramsgate Arts Primary School

## Year 6 Curriculum Term 4



### 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 interactive whiteboard will outline the timetable for the day and also some Early Morning Work linked to their learning. This will be maths related: times tables and general arithmetic. 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 4, our learning is centralised a wonderful novel by David Almond called 'Skellig.' It is about a ten-year-old boy who moves with his family to a new location. In his mysterious garage, he discovers a strange, decrepit old man who appears to have wings. 'Who is this man?' he thinks... The story explores the relationships between the boy, his family and his new friend, Mina. There are endless writing opportunities that arise from the story that we will be capitalising on, including writing character descriptions, poems and our own stories. As always, we will also be exploring various other genres of the writing; exposing the children to as many styles of writing as possible.

### Reading

It is our expectation at Ramsgate Arts primary School that children read for at least 10 minutes every night. Please sign in to Bug Club online to read the books that have been set for your child. Additionally, your child's physical reading record can be used to record any additional reading. Children may borrow books from the class library which has been freshly restocked this term!

### 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 developing our reasoning skills. Throughout the weeks we will be solidifying our understanding the year 6 curriculum and putting our maths brains to the test within investigations and other problem-solving activities that encourage mathematical talk and reasoning opportunities. Times tables have improved massively but they are not yet mastered – we'll continue to develop these. Most areas of Maths depend on good times table knowledge; please rehearse them as much as possible at home.

### RAPS Curriculum

This term, we will be beginning a topic entitled 'Living Alive!' Within this unit of learning, we explore Science and some of the world's greatest scientists. The topic focuses on life in the animal and plant kingdom, including micro-organisms like bacteria. We will kick start the term of with some super 'art to start' bacteria paintings inside petri dishes. Keep checking our blog to see our topic learning.

### PE

Year 6 have PE every Monday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that they have a full kit in school every week. This term the focus is: Tennis.

### 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.

Two 'Love to Learn' tasks will be sent home this term, check out the blog to find out these projects as they appear. These blogs posts will also keep you up to date with the learning in our classroom as well as provide you with useful websites to support home learning opportunities.

### Arts Curriculum

Through our Arts curriculum the children will focus on music, dance, drama and art. These subjects will be taught on Mondays through Thursdays.