



**Morning Routines** All Year 2 children will be welcomed from 8.15 am each day at the classroom door. Unfortunately, we cannot allow parents into our classroom, please say goodbye to your child **before** you reach the door. They will unpack their bags and then find their seat. Your child will be expected to put their own book folder in the box 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 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. The door will then be shut at 8:30 and the children must register and discuss their school dinner preference at the office.

**English** – This term we will be studying *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson, linked to our topic *Habitats as Homes*. A snail longs to see the world and hitches a lift on a whale's tail. Together they go on an amazing journey, past icebergs and volcanoes, sharks and penguins, and the snail feels very small in the vastness of the world. But when the whale is beached in a bay, it's the tiny snail who saves the day.

**RWI** – At Ramsgate Arts Primary School we believe that phonic knowledge is the key to building a strong reader. At RAPS we follow the RWI programme. We firmly believe that no matter their age children should complete this programme to help them gain fully phonetic awareness. Therefore this year, some children will begin the year completing their RWI programme from Year 1 and others, who have completed the programme, will begin the year on an English – text based programme.

**Phonics Screening** -In October all Year 2 children, whether they have completed the programme or not, will take part in the statutory phonic screening. All children will have access to phonic boosters at school, however please help your child at home by reading regularly and rehearsing key sounds.

**Maths** - We teach Maths daily and all sessions begin with an arithmetic starter followed by a main session of learning. This term we will be focussing on the follow areas: place value and number. Most areas of Maths depend on good number bonds and times table knowledge; please rehearse them as much as possible at home. Particularly the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

**RAPS Curriculum** – This term our science based topic is called 'Habitats as Homes'. Within the topic we will study the term habitat and explore habitats both locally to use and further afield. We will also explore microhabitats and end the topic by making our very own Bug Hotels. Please begin collecting natural materials such as pine cones and sticks which will be used to create our hotels.

#### Home Learning and Blogs

**Spelling** – Every week the children will be set spellings on a Friday, they will be tested the following Friday.

**Love to Learn projects** - Love to Learn projects will be set every 3 weeks. They will be based upon the current topic. Please keep up to date with the blog and class letters to find out the Love to Learn for this term!

**Times Tables Rock Stars** – In the front of your child's reading record you will find their TTRS password. Please allow your child to login to the app regularly to rehearse crucial times tables knowledge.

#### Arts Curriculum

This year the children are very lucky to experience our incredible Arts Curriculum teachers. On a Thursday they will be taught PE with Mr Robinson and Art with Mr Brown. The children are very excited and I am looking forward to seeing their creativeness shine!

#### Reading

It is our expectation at Ramsgate Arts Primary School that children read for at least 10 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 in the school box every day** so that they are able to read with another adult. Please also ensure all Reading Records are in on a Friday to be signed by your child's class teacher. Children will be listened to once a week by an adult in school.

**PE** - Year 2 will have PE every Thursday taught by Mr Robinson. Please ensure that they have a full kit in school. They will be studying Infant Agility. this term we are to learn about team games. Please ensure, as the weather is very changeable, that children have both summer and winter sports wear in their bag.

**General** - Sipping water throughout the day aids concentration and learning. De to COVID we cannot provide access to our water fountains. 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**.