

Ramsey Newsletter – Spring I

Happy new year to you all! I hope you had a good break. We have some more fantastic topics this term. Our history topic is Parliament and Power, learning about how democracy and government have changed since the Romans. For science, we will be learning about Earth and Space and it will include a planetarium experience. The RE topic is, 'Creation and Science: Conflicting or Complementary?' where we will be looking at whether you can be a scientist and still believe in God. In D&T, we will be looking at illuminated signs, designing and making our own signs with LED circuits and trying to control them with microcomputers. Our PSHE focus this term is about health and wellbeing, focussing on substances that are harmful to our bodies, such as alcohol, tobacco and drugs. In PE, our focus is gymnastics and we will be working in groups to produce a sequence of moves, balances and jumps. For music, Mr Lyons from St Botolph's Church, Boston, will be coming in again to teach us new songs ready for a performance at St Botolph's Church before Easter. We did this last year and it was excellent!

Homework

Homework will still be given out on Fridays and will be due in the following Wednesday. If children are struggling with their homework, it is important that I know and can then support them (or look at the level of homework they are given). Please let me know if your child is struggling with homework before the Wednesday morning so that I can provide support before the work is due in.

Reading

Reading at home regularly is very important to develop reading skills. You do not have to read with your child every time but the reading diaries do need to be signed by an adult to show how much your child has read. Please put the page numbers (start and finish) in the reading diary so that I can see how much, and how regularly, the children are reading. At this stage, most children should be reading at least 3 times per week and a total of 50 pages or more.

If your child wants to read a book from home, this is fine but it does need to be at (or near) their current AR level. I am not going to stop a child reading a book they enjoy but their next book will have to be one that is at the appropriate level.

PE

PE lessons will take place on **Tuesdays**, and **Thursdays** and they will be in the hall so just shorts and t-shirts are required with trainers or plimsolls. Please note, earrings cannot be worn for any PE. If you struggle to remove your earrings by yourself, you will need to take them out in the morning and then put them back in again when you get home. It is fine for anyone who has had their ears pierced for more than 6 weeks to remove the earrings for short periods without the hole closing up. Children with long hair must have it tied back for PE lessons so please bring hair ties or similar with you; thick plastic headbands and hairclips are not appropriate for tying hair back for PE. Tights need to be removed for all PE lessons so please remember to pack a pair of socks with your PE kit.

Class Dojo is still the best way to contact me, although I cannot guarantee to be able to respond during teaching times and therefore, please phone the school if you need to pick up your child early. Please ensure that the school office have your up-to-date contact details in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

Kind regards,

Miss Ratcliff,
Mrs Chitty
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