



RIEVAULX NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2022

Welcome back to school after the Summer holiday! We hope that you have had a relaxing break and managed to catch up with family and friends. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy half term.

Ms Gauder will be teaching Rievaulx on Monday and Tuesday all day, and on a Wednesday morning. Mr Houghton will take the class on a Wednesday afternoon for Forest School and music, to cover our PPA time. Mrs Watson will then be teaching on a Thursday and Friday, all day. Ms Berry will be joining us this year to support Rievaulx each morning and Mrs Bentley will still be supporting children as Pastoral mentor on a Wednesday PM.

Our topic for the Autumn term is **The Victorians**. Using a range of sources, we will be comparing the lives of wealthy and poor Victorians. We will find out about the life of Queen Victoria and what life would have been like for children during the Victorian era.

In English we will be reading *Gaslight*, by Eloise Williams as our class text. We will base our English work on the text and develop writing newspaper articles, and discussion/ balanced arguments. In ESPaG we will look at word classes including verbs, nouns, adverbs & adverbial phrases, conjunctions, conditionals, determiners, main and subordinate clauses and Active and passive (y6).

In maths we will begin with number and place value. Objectives will cover: reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers up to millions, as well as rounding numbers and looking at Roman numerals. We will then move onto addition and subtraction, using mental and written methods.

In RE we will be asking- 'If God is Everywhere, why go to a Place of Worship?' and in PSHCE children will explore the idea: 'Being ME in my world' using the Jigsaw scheme of resources.

In Art this half term, we will be developing drawing skills using pencil and charcoal. Children will complete observational drawings and work on different scales whilst also developing their sketchbook techniques. We will work across the curriculum to also illustrate plants and flowers that we investigate in Science- looking at famous botanical artists.



In French, we will be covering the unit Les Portraits

Our P.E. session for the first half term will be with Mr Shimwell, on a **Thursday**. Please bring your full PE kit with you to change into at school. Please make sure that it is named! Children will also have a 30 minute active/fitness session on a Tuesday morning.

For Forest Schools, on a **Wednesday**, please bring appropriate clothing to change into- including wellies and waterproofs.

Science this half term is; Living things and their Habitats. We will investigate how plants reproduce and also look at life cycles of animals, birds, insects and amphibians.



Homework will be given out on a **FRIDAY** to be handed in by **WEDNESDAY**. It is expected children will complete their homework on time; those who haven't can do so on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Year 5

- Spellings (to be supported with Spelling Shed online)
- CGP reading comprehension

Year 6

- Spellings (to be supported with Spelling Shed online)
- CPG maths 10minute test
- CPG SPAG 10minute test
- CPG reading 10minute test

There will also be a more creative homework task each half term. Please also use Century Tech and Times Tables Rockstars to support your learning at home.

Dates for your diaries so far...

- Wednesday 14th September- Football club starts
- Thursday 15th September- Netball club starts
- Friday 16th September- Swimming starts for all year 5s
- Thursday 29th September- Quick sticks hockey year 5/6 team
- Monday 10th October- School photos
- Thursday 20th October- Tag rugby Year 5/6 team

For the first half term, Miss Bennett will be at Sessay on a Tuesday and a Friday, the second half term she will be here on a Monday and Thursday.

Please don't hesitate to ask if there is anything you are unsure about.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Watson and Ms Gauder