



## RIEVAULX NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2023

A warm welcome back to school after the holidays! We hope that you have had a super summer break and are now looking forward to the exciting and busy term ahead.

Ms Gauder will be teaching Rievaulx on Monday and Tuesday all day. On a Wednesday, Ms Gauder will teach first thing, followed by Mrs Watson after play. 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. We will be joined by Mrs Bastow as our class Teaching Assistant each morning and some afternoons. Mrs Bentley will continue to support children as Pastoral mentor on a Wednesday PM, as well as doing some interventions.

Our topic for the Autumn term is **The Ancient Maya**. We will be learning about Central America and different biomes around the world. We will then go on to investigate what life was like for The Ancient Maya, considering the chronology of this time period and what life was like for those living at that time.

In English, our class text for Reading Practice Sessions will be **Middleworld** by J and P Voelkel. Our English lessons will then focus on **Stories on a theme**: Difference, **Poetry on a theme**: Hope and **Biographies**: The Undefeated.

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?'**

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.

In Science we are investigating **Earth and Space**.



In French, we will be covering the unit **Monster Pets**.

Our P.E. session for the first half term will be with Mr Shimwell, on a **Tuesday**. Please bring your full PE kit with you to change into at school. Please make sure that it is named!

Year 5s will also be swimming on a Friday morning.

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



**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 Tuesday 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...**

w/c 11<sup>th</sup> September- after school clubs start (multiskills, Songbirds, football and netball)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September- Year 5 swimming starts

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September- Year 5/6 quicksticks hockey (team of 6)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September- European day of languages Curriculum day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Festival

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October- Year 5/6 Tag rugby (team of 10)

**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