



## RIEVAULX NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2 2023

Welcome back after the half term break. We are now looking forward to the exciting and busy term ahead, in the run up to Christmas.

As usual, 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 continue to be **Middleworld** by J and P Voelkel.

During English lessons we will cover a variety of texts ([The Girl Who Stole an Elephant](#), [The Book of Hopes](#) edited (K. Rundell) [Shackleton's Journey](#), [The Great Serum Race](#).) linked to the main themes of adventure stories, poems around a theme and recounts.

In maths we will continue to follow the White Rose Scheme, learning **multiplication and division**, progressing to work on **fractions and geometry**.

In RE we will be asking- **“What do religions say to us when life gets hard? “**

In PSHCE children will explore the idea of **Celebrating Differences** and we will be using the Jigsaw scheme of resources.

In DT this half term, we will be developing our skills, learning about **structures** and designing a playground.

In Science we are investigating **Forces, including magnetism and friction**. We hope to carry out some fun investigations!



In French, we will be covering the unit **Space Exploration**.

Our P.E. session for this half term will be with Mr Shimwell, on a **Tuesday** and we will also have a short PE session at the end of the week. 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...**

Curriculum Skills Day 14<sup>th</sup> November

Crucial Crew 15<sup>th</sup> November at Carlton Lodge

**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