



RIEVAULX NEWSLETTER

Spring 1 2024

We hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break and raring to go for the Spring term!

Ms Gauder will continue to teach 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. Mrs Bastow will continue supporting the class each morning. Mrs Bentley will continue to support children as Pastoral mentor on a Wednesday PM, as well as doing some interventions.

Year 6 will start preparations for their SATs in May, some children will be supported through Booster sessions in maths and ESPAG.

Our topic for this half term is **Ancient Greece**. We will consider who the Ancient Greeks were and where they lived. We will then look at what the Ancient Greeks believed and who they governed, before moving on to their contributions to philosophy and democracy.

In English, our class text will be **Who let the Gods out?** By Maz Evans. The text will be used to support writing fantasy stories and persuasive writing, including adverts. We will also be starting to look at poems on the theme of science.

In maths we will continue to follow the White Rose Scheme. Our work will cover decimals and percentages. Year 5 will further their understanding of multiplication and division, whilst year 6 will cover ratio and algebra.

In RE we will be asking- **Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?**

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

In Art this half term, we will be developing our painting skills, looking at portraiture.

In Science we are investigating **Properties and changes of materials**.

In French, we will be covering the unit: **Shopping in France**.

Our P.E. session for this half term will be with Mr Shimwell, on a **Tuesday (hockey)** and with Mrs Watson (**dance**) on a Friday . Please bring your full PE kit with you to change into at school. Please make sure that it is named!

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...

Monday 22nd January- 5pm. Newby Wiske PGL parent zoom, information meeting

Thursday 25th January- KS2 cross country

Tuesday 6th February- Curriculum enrichment day- Growing up in a digital age

Friday 9th February- Break up for half term

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