

# RHINE CLASS NEWSLETTER Summer Term 5 2023



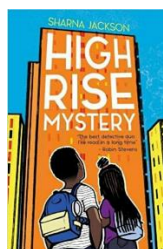
Dear Parents,

We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for a busy and exciting term of learning.

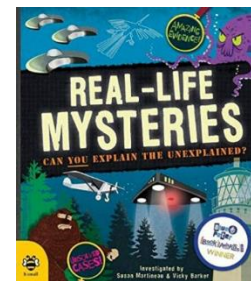
## Topic

Our topic title this term is **Location, Location, Location** where we will be comparing countries in the UK, studying physical characteristics of the United Kingdom and how people have affected the United Kingdom's landscape.

Our theme in English this term is **Mystery & Truth**. From mysteries like Shackleton's ghostly companion to the Loch Ness Monster and friends, **Real-Life mysteries (part of Stanton's Reading Spine)** allows us to study the amazing evidence about these mysterious cases so children can make up their own mind.



Alongside this we will be studying High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson and the children will learn about the techniques of writing a crime/detective story as they progress, innovating the author's various techniques and structure. One of the many strengths of this text is that it is aware of the various ways people communicate in modern life and the role technology plays.



## Other areas of the curriculum that will be covered

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| <b>Enrichment</b> | Trip to Westminster Abbey   |
| <b>English</b>    | Character description, police report, setting description, newspaper article, dialogue, formal persuasive letter<br>Main outcome: Extended mystery narrative  |
| <b>Maths</b>      | Y3: Statistics: Pictographs and Bar Graphs & Fractions, Decimals and Percentages: Fractions<br>Y4: Money, Mass, Volume & Length<br>Y5: Properties of Shape, Position & Direction & Measurements<br>Y6: Geometry. Properties of Shape, Statistics: Graphs & Averages<br>More details can be found on the Maths Section of the website and by accessing Parent Guides |
| <b>Science</b>    | Forces & Magnets  |
| <b>History</b>    | Kings, Queens & Coronations   |
| <b>Geography</b>  | Study of the UK   |
| <b>Art and DT</b> | Amazing Architecture – artist study Canaletto<br>DT- ???  |
| <b>PSHE</b>       | Keeping Safe  |
| <b>Music</b>      | Lean on Me (Soul/Gospel)  |
| <b>RE</b>         | Why is pilgrimage important to some religious believers? (Islam & Hindu)  |
| <b>PE/Games</b>   | Swimming & Cricket  |
| <b>Computing</b>  | Networks & Spreadsheets   |
| <b>MFL</b>        | L'ancienne histoire de la Grande Bretagne (Ancient Britain)   |

## Spelling

Please continue practising the common exception words. The children will be tested this term to see what progress they have made. These are on Seesaw and Spelling Frame. These spellings are different to the words covered in class and require regular practice to master.

## Maths

Children in Year 5 & 6 will continue with their CGP Maths practice book which they will bring home each week to complete one section and return the following week on a Tuesday.

Children in Year 3 & 4 should be practising their times tables. All children have a Times Tables Rockstars account which they can access at home and school to practise and maintain fluency. TT rockstars no longer lets you set specific times tables, but tailors questions based on answers. Year 4 will take the times table check test the first week of Term 6 so it is essential they are fluent and ready to progress to the year 5 curriculum.

### **Weather ready/PE**

Children should have a named coat in school at all times as we will go outside in most weathers. PE will be on a Monday and Thursday and children can come into school in their PE kit on those days. Swimming is a Wednesday so children can also come in PE for this too.

### **Pencil Cases**

We provide the children with all the equipment they need. However they are able to bring in a SMALL pencil case with a pencil, pen (this should be blue ink, no biro's are allowed), rubber, small ruler, pencil sharpener – NO SHARPIES or felt tip pens please. **All stationery should be named.**

### **Snacks and Water bottle**

It is very important that children are kept fuelled and hydrated throughout the day so your child will need a named water bottle in school every day.

We also recommend that have a healthy snack at break time to keep them going till lunchtime. Please ensure any reusable snack pots are named. No crisps, chocolate or other sugary snacks should be brought into school for morning break.

### **How to contact us**

The best way to contact us is to use the class email: [rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:rhineclass@stanton-st-quintin.wilts.sch.uk)

We will do our best to reply but we will be teaching in the day so cannot guarantee a response during this time. For urgent messages please call the school office on 01666 837602.

*Mrs Matthews, Mr Carter and Mrs Mackenzie*