RAVEN Class

Welcome, and a throaty 'Kraa Kraa' from Raven Class. Ravens are considered to be one of the most intelligent birds – something we like to mirror in class. Mr Roddick is the class teacher, Mrs J.B. is the class teaching assistant. Together they support and guide the children to be the best they can be and to 'make their best their standard'. Our class information page should provide you with an outline of how Raven Class seats itself within the school.

This year's themes:

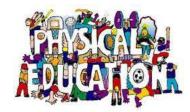
- Earth Wind and Fire (Extreme weather)
- Great Expectations (Victorians)
- Home Front (WW2)
- To Infinity & Beyond (Space)
- The Big One (Asia)
- A Question of Sport (Sport & Health)

Our working week:

In a typical week, Raven Class take part in different activities. Daily, we enjoy:

- Priority Time we are focussing on maths.
- Maths
- English
- Guided reading Knowledge and Understanding of the World
- Creative
- Science
- PSHE
- R.E
- Computing
- P.E
- Storytime

Physical Education



We have P.E. on a Wednesday – please make sure you child has **labelled** kit. We tend to send kit home at the end of the term for washing, otherwise we keep it in school. Trainers are recommended as they provide better support. Earrings either need to be removed or taped over.

Reading:

If you have been with Wouldham School for a while, you may be accustomed to filling in a reading record book with your child. During year 5 and 6, we do not require the children to maintain a reading record. Rather, we prefer for children to take responsibility for their own learning and treat reading as an enjoyable pastime as opposed to something they are required to do.



During the course of the year, we will encourage the children to read from a variety of different genres to enhance their vocabulary and learn how different authors write. If we/you feel that this arrangement doesn't work then we will speak to you to discuss other options.

Mathletics:



Alongside the daily maths lessons, we encourage the children to participate in 'Mathletics'. Mathletics is a web-based program which the school subscribes to. Each child will have their own login and can benefit

from extra learning when at home. Experience tends to show that those who spend a little extra time on Mathletics in their own time perform better at maths also get a few 'Raven Coins' as an acknowledgement of their extra effort! Tasks are regularly set in line with the current class material.

Home Learning:

Home learning challenges are designed to further the children's learning. We expect the children to spend a minimum of 20 minutes per week on the task set. Typically, this will comprise of either Maths, English or Reading. The homework will be given out on Friday and will need to be handed back on Monday.

Rewards:

Raven Class enjoy a unique reward system:



Just as we, as adults, get paid for working hard, so too do the children. Intended to

incentivise and instil some 'money sense' at the same time, the children can earn 'Raven Coins' for producing work that is of exceptional quality or for going above and beyond. As the children earn their coins, they can decide whether to spend or save up for something from the Raven Shop.

House Teams:

Each child is aligned to either:

- Britannia
- Ajax
- Sovereign
- Victory

Synonymous with Wouldham's Naval history, the house teams are there for a little light-hearted competitiveness, particularly during sports day. Your childs' team will be denoted by whether they have a sibling already at the school (which determines their team) or where the current 'need' exists.

Stationery:

Everything the children need is supplied to them in a pencil-case. If your child prefers, I would be happy for them to bring in (and keep at school) their own pen. Please make sure it is either black or blue ink and not regarded as a 'novelty' pen. We want the children to write well and understand that some produce better work when using a particular type of pen.

Mr Roddick and Mrs J.B.