



Starfish Pre-school

Rye Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back to Term 4. This term the children will be learning about 'Homes and Buildings'. We will be discussing our home environment, the family we live with and the buildings around us.

Later on in the term, we will also be learning about spring and the children will be observing and discussing the changes they can see in the environment. We will also be planting seeds and bulbs, as well as making a trip to the local allotment (date to be confirmed). Towards the end of the term, we will also be learning about Easter. As part of our learning, we will be reading a wide variety of texts.

Some of the books we will be reading are: 'Peepo', '100 First Word's – The City', 'Tiger Who Came to Tea', 'The Elephant and the Bad Baby', 'Peace At Last', 'Goldilocks & The Three Bears'.

Spring planting

If you have any spare bulbs, seeds or compost which you are no longer using, then please bring them in for the children to use in the pre-school. We love planting things and watching them grow!

Reading

We have been sending home a weekly reading book. Please ensure you take good care of the book and return it once it has been read. Books will be changed weekly. It is important that you read with your child every day. Please write a short note in your child's book diary to let us know that you have read the book.

Whilst you are reading with your child, pause to ask them some questions to check that they understand the story; for example, you could ask how a character may feel. You could ask them what you think may happen next and at the end of the story.

Also, we encourage children to recognise familiar signs and symbols on packaging and advertising:



Don't miss World Book Day on Friday 3rd March! We encourage children to come in dressed as their favourite book character.



Mathematics

This term we will be covering:

- number and place value to 6
- comparing amounts
- positional language
- learning about 2d and 3d shapes

We are working very hard at number recognition. Please encourage children to spot the numbers all around us; on number plates, doors and buses. Can they count out amounts of objects?

Forest School sessions and PE

The children will recommence their Forest School sessions on Wednesday afternoons. Please send your child into school with a puddle suit, wellies and a change of warm clothes. In the colder months children will also need a hat and gloves. Please ensure all items are named.

The children's PE lesson will be on a Thursday morning. Please ensure children wear a tracksuit and trainers.

Super Star Stories and WOW moments

Please complete and return the Super Star story with your child. We use the information on these to help with our planning. Children learn best when following their own interests and we strive to provide engaging and personalised learning experiences for the children.

Soon we will be sending home some WOW moment cards. We would love you to share any WOW experiences that the children have had at home.

Dummies

We understand that some younger children find a dummy comforting, but we are trying to discourage the use of these in the pre-school. Please, where possible leave them at home. Thank you.

Potty training

Please inform a member of staff if you are considering starting to potty train your child and we can support them when they are at pre-school. Did you know that your local health visitor can also support you at home? Call the health visitor on 01424 723070, or email esh-tr.hv-rural@nhs.net for further support. The following website has also been recommended by the health visiting service:

ERIC website and helpline:

<https://www.eric.org.uk/poo-and-wee>

Thank you for your support,

The Pre-school staff