



Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term. We can't believe how quickly Term 1 went and how much we have already done! We have another very busy term planned with lots of fun and new experiences, albeit in a Covid safe way.

Term 2 Learning

Revolution

Our Learning Journey this term is focusing on the Victorian Era and the impact of the British Empire on Victorian society. Our science this term will focus on Electricity and Electrical circuits. In Art we will be learning about the art work of Victorian artist William Morris.

English

Alongside our topic theme, our class text this term is 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty, which is based on the real life story of a child who inspired the great Doctor Barnado to help street children. We will be writing in the form of a diary from the viewpoint of a Victorian street child. To finish off our topic we will be considering the work of Charles Dickens in 'A Christmas Carol' and writing persuasive letters to Scrooge to change his ways.

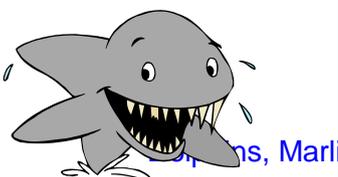
Reading

The children will be reading a range of genres from narratives to biographies to help immerse them in the genres we are writing. Through these genres, the children will answer a range of comprehension, inference and reasoning questions which will help prepare them to answer increasingly difficult questions, in preparation for the SATs in May. This term, we are giving a log in to 'Reading Eggs' and all children have been shown how to log in and complete the first activity which will help set the correct reading level for them. Children are encouraged to access the site regularly to help improve their comprehension skills.

Buster's Book Challenge is continuing, with the rewards ranging from certificates and badges to tickets to a range of exciting days out for the children to visit free or at a discounted rate. We hope that this term one of our classes will once again win the amazing prize of the Buster's Book Trophy and win the amazing prizes on offer, as we have done before!

How you can help your child

- Make sure your child reads daily and discuss the stories in terms of reasons for characters' actions and reasons for the author's choices of vocabulary. Don't forget to record reading sessions in reading records.
- Access 'Reading Eggs' from home.
- Discuss meanings of any new vocabulary your child comes across.
- Support with any English / Grammar and Maths homework.
- Test children on their weekly spellings.
- Practise times tables on Times Table Rock Stars and orally.





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Mathematics

In our maths lessons, we will be covering a range of mathematical topics, continuing with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and moving onto our fractions topic. We will be teaching more reasoning skills through all these topics. The Topic Web gives detailed information for each year group.

How you can help your child

- Look for opportunities to talk about maths in the everyday environment.
- Support your child and give them time to use mental calculation skills in real life contexts.
- Please ask your child about what they have been learning and encourage them to explain the methods they use in calculations.
- Help your child to learn the times tables that they are working on to prepare for our weekly times tables challenge.

PE

Year 5/6 will be doing PE on Tuesdays and Fridays, children should come in wearing their PE kits on these days and school uniforms on all other days. Our PE topics this term are Dance, Volleyball and Tennis (Throwing and Catching).

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday and is expected to be in by the following Wednesday. It is important that homework is completed as this will help support the learning they have been doing in school. The children will also be given 10 spellings to learn each week which they will be tested on each Friday. Please support your child as they learn these.

How you can help your child:

Termly Homework Project - Please choose from one of the projects on the following 'What will you do?' sheet.

Learn and discuss the key vocabulary on the 'glossary'.

Help your child practise and improve their handwriting.

Listen to your child read daily.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.
Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs Banks, Miss Brunton, Mr Neville & Mr Thomas.

Dolphins, Marlin, Sharks & Jellyfish.