



Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge welcome back to you all. Term Two is such an exciting time of year in school.

This term the children will be 'Celebrating Difference' We will be learning the story of Elmer, exploring customs and traditions from around the world. We will be celebrating what makes us unique and also identifying similarities. Please see attached a copy of key vocabulary that you can help your child learn at home.

The children will be finding out about life around the world including animals and different environments. Later in the term we will explore what life was like in the past and will be asking members of our families to share memories from their childhood.

Reading

The children will need to practise their newly acquired phonics skills every day at home so please ensure that you update the Reading Record daily.

Minnows and Sardines are yet to win the Buster Book Club award so fingers crossed we will win this term! Remember to log your child's reading minutes on a Wednesday. The class which records the most additional minutes (read more than the expected 10mins for Reception) wins a prize!

How You Can Help

- Model being a reader to them. You are their heroes; if they see you reading they will copy!
- Support your child to retell a familiar story. Talk to you child about what happens in the beginning, middle and end.
- Encourage your child to recognise familiar signs and symbols in the world around them, as well as the sounds as they learn them.
- Use the phonics games and resources – they count as "a read"
- [Watch the phonics workshop on the school website.](#)

Maths

This term's maths will be covering

- Number and Place value 0- 5
- Addition & Subtraction : *sorting into groups*
- Number & Place value : *comparing groups comparing quantities of identical and non-identical objects)*
- Addition & Subtraction : *Change within 5 1 more 1 less*
- Measurement time *-my day*
- Pattern – colour patterns
- Geometry and spatial thinking – 2D shape, spatial awareness,

How You Can Help

Day to day

- Encourage your children to spot numbers everywhere. Can they find numbers on buses, doors, number plates? Can they count out items in a shopping basket?
- Talk to your child about daily events, using language such as before, now, after, next, and later.
- Spot, continue and create repeating patterns.



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PE

Minnows and Sardines have PE on Wednesday. Please continue to send your child into school wearing the correct PE kit. Long hair must be tied up and no jewellery worn. Please check **all** uniform; including PE kit and make sure it is **clearly labelled**. We would appreciate it if you could check that your child has not mistakenly taken home another child's uniform.

Forest School sessions

This term the children will continue using the Forest School. Children will go in small groups for an afternoon on a Thursday with our EYFS Forest School Leaders Carly and Sophie. You will receive a letter informing you when your child's sessions are going to be. When the children have Forest School they need to have appropriate warm, dry clothing and footwear.

All of the children in Reception go into our outdoor learning area everyday. Please ensure that your children come to school with coats and jumpers. You may wish to send in additional winter clothing such as scarves, hats, gloves, wellies etc. However, please ensure that these are CLEARLY LABELED.

Balanceability

This term we shall be introducing Balanceability bike sessions for the children. The children will be working in small groups using our balance and peddle bikes. Please note all safety equipment is also provided by the school. For more information please visit <https://www.balanceability.com/> or speak to a member of staff.

Superstar Stories

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.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Isted, Mrs Kearney and Mrs Foster

Dates

Parent consultations - 10th November 3.30pm-5.30pm & 12th November 4.30pm- 6.30pm

Vision tests with School Nurse team 7th & 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December

Christmas Class Parties *date tbc*

Last Day of Term – Friday 18th December