



# Rye Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope that you all had a wonderful time over the Christmas holidays. By the end of this term the children will be halfway through their time here in Reception, we are sure that you will agree that time is flying by!

This term the children will be 'Ingenious Inventors' with a strong science and technology focus. The core text for our Talk For Writing is 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jefferies.

## Reading

This term will be introducing a new phonics scheme at Rye Primary School. This means that the phonics lessons and resources in school will be changing, as will the reading books for home. More information will follow about the new Little Wandle scheme, but it is still vitally important that the children practise their reading skills at home daily. In addition to reading scheme books, your child will continue to bring home one of the Reading Passport books – a book to share to promote reading for pleasure. All families have a subscription to Reading Eggs and Fast Phonics and in addition to the weekly homework set your children are encouraged to play the games on this app.

### How You Can Help

- Take your child to the local library – membership is free and children will be able to borrow a wide range of exciting new books. Rye Library is now open!
- Learning to read can feel like hard work so please ensure that they are not too tired, are comfortable and the TV and other distractions have been removed so that they can concentrate.
- Talk about new words and what they mean. You can use the vocabulary sheets we send home, storybooks or words heard in conversation or on TV.
- If you haven't done so recently, take your child for a vision check at a local opticians.

## Maths

This term's maths will be covering

- Addition & Subtraction: *Number bonds to 5*, 1 more and 1 less, and numbers to 10.
- We will be exploring capacity, mass, length in measurement.

### How You Can Help

#### **Day to day**

- Practise reading, writing numbers to 5, then 10 and 20.
- Can they recall 1 more or 1 less of any given number
- Solve addition and subtraction practically eg... I have 2 glasses and 3 beakers on the table how many cups altogether? We have 4 knives but I need 5 how many more do I need?
- Spot 2D shapes and 3D shapes in the environment and reinforce the correct mathematical names eg a ball is a sphere, can is a cylinder etc...

## PE

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday. The children will need to have warm clothes as part of their PE kit so please consider sending them in with joggers and sweatshirt.

To ensure Health and Safety, all long hair must be tied up and jewellery removed, earrings will be taped.



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All of the children in Reception go into our outdoor learning area every day. 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. Please ensure that these are CLEARLY LABELED.

Please continue to support your child's growing independence by practising putting on and doing up their own coat... you can imagine how long it can take to do 24 coats! If you have chosen school shoes with laces, it is also really important that you help to teach your child how to tie their own.

### **We need your help!**

- Please send in any form of recycling that we could use for junk modelling. We will be designing and making lots of our own inventions.
- Have you still got an old VHS, or cassette, maybe an old mobile (or even a landline) phone... we are going to be learning about how technology has changed through the years and would love to see and touch some real items from the past!

### **Forest School**

We are lucky to be continuing our Forest School sessions this term on a Monday morning. Children should come into school wearing suitable warm clothing and will need to bring their uniform to change into when we return back to class. Don't forget get some extra socks – nobody wants soggy feet! Don't forget to bring the puddlesuits and wellies back after, for the start of the new term.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Isted and Mrs Foster