



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 identifying similarities. Please see attached a copy of key vocabulary which 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

As the children have learnt their first phonemes and have been practising their blending they will have reading books with words in. 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.

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.
- Play phonics games on Reading Eggs, Fast Phonics and Phonics Play.
- Use the phonics games and resources – they count as "a read"
- **Attend the Phonics and Reading Workshop on 11th November at 2pm**

Maths

This terms 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.

PE

Minnows have PE on Wednesday. Please send in your child's PE kit on the first day of term where it can stay on their peg for the duration. All PE kit MUST be named. You may wish to add a black hoodie/sweatshirt and black leggings/joggers as the weather is much cooler. Long hair must be tied up and no jewellery worn.



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Forest School sessions

Forest School will continue to be on a Monday. Please send your child into school wearing warm play clothes and with school uniform in a bag to get changed into for the afternoon. In these colder months children will also need a hat and gloves. PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS. Please remember to bring back in puddle suits and wellies that went home in half term.

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 can learn best when following their own interests and we strive to provide engaging and personalised learning experiences for the children.

All children need to have a water bottle in school every day, please make sure they are named.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Isted and Mrs Foster

Dates

- 5th November School Photos
- 9th November Height & Weight checks with the School Nursing Team
- 11th November Parents Phonic and Reading Workshop 2pm
- 7th December Grandparents in School afternoon 2pm
- 14th & 16th December EYFS Christmas Performance (ticket only more details to follow)
- 15th December Christmas Dinner Day
- 17th December Christmas Party.