



# 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. Thank you for supporting your child's ever growing independence by sending them into school via the hall in the morning.

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 that you can help your child to 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 were delighted to win the Buster Book Club award at the end of term for Most Improved – please keep up the good work!

### 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"

## 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

### 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

Please could you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school at all times. Minnows and Sardines have PE on a Monday. 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.

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



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PE kits should be in school from the first day of term and stay in until they are sent home at the end of term.

### **Forest School sessions**

This term the children will start 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 and dry clothing and footwear.

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.. 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 newly purchased 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**

Thank you for the Super Star Stories that have been returned please ensure that you have sent them in as soon as possible as we may use these to inform our planning, therefore, please do return promptly.

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

We need help with trips and visits and listening to readers in class – if you can spare any time or think you may be able to help please can you pop into the office to complete a DBS form.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Isted, Miss Lee and Mrs Wren

### **Dates**

Phonic workshop 12<sup>th</sup> November

School Photos – Week of 11<sup>th</sup> November

Flu vaccinations 12<sup>th</sup> December

Costumes for Christmas production in school by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Learning Celebration 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

Christmas Jumper Day 13<sup>th</sup> December

Dick Wittington Pantomime 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Performance 2pm 17<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner Day – 18<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Class Parties 18<sup>th</sup> December

Last Day of Term 20<sup>th</sup> December