



## Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new year and a brand new class at Rye Primary! We are thoroughly looking forward to the year ahead and we hope the children will be too. We have a very busy year planned with lots of fun and new experiences, whilst our expectations of your children's effort and the work they will produce are still very high.

### Term 1 Learning

#### Storms and Shipwrecks!

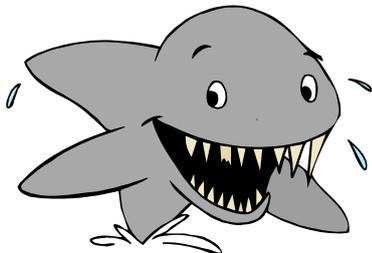
Our Learning Journey this term is focusing on the tragic Mary Stanford disaster, which happened locally in 1928. Relating to this event, we will be visiting Rye Harbour, to see the lifeboat station. On this trip we will learn about how they work and what happened on the night of the disaster. Further details will be sent in a separate letter. Our science this term will focus on animals and adaptation for survival. In art we will be studying an artist who uses collage techniques to create effective pictures of the sea.

#### English

Alongside our topic theme, our first class novel will be 'The Wreck of Zanzibar' by Michael Morpurgo – a story that involves a family of islanders who enjoy a peaceful life until a storm changes everything. The genres of writing that will be covered this term include story writing, recount writing and letter writing.

#### 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 the 'Greedy Reader' booklets. The children will need to read 30 times this term to become a 'Greedy Reader'.
- Discuss meanings of any new vocabulary your child comes across.
- Support with any English / Grammar and Maths homework. This will be sent home from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- Test children on their weekly spellings.



#### Mathematics



In our maths lessons, we will be covering a range of mathematical topics starting with place value and the number system. We will look at addition, subtraction, multiplication and division for the first half of this term and then move on to measures, shape and data handling.

Sharks and Dolphins



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### 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

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. Year 6 are **swimming this term, starting on Tuesday 17th September**, so please ensure they have their swimming gear with them every Tuesday. We also have a PE session on Fridays.

### Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday and is expected to be in by the following Friday. It is important that homework is completed as this will help support the learning they have been doing in school. In order to keep homework tidy the children will be supplied with a specific homework book. 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 following.**

1. Create a power point on a famous shipwreck.
2. Create an amazing poster to show the importance of RNLI.
3. Produce a weather report script for an extreme weather event. For example – Tornados hit Rye Harbour
4. Create a 3d model of a life boat. We would love to display these.

### End of the Day...

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Bright and Mr Neville

