



Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back to Term 2. This term the children will be 'Celebrating Difference'. We will be learning about celebrations around the world, including Bonfire Night and Christmas. Please see attached a copy of key vocabulary that you can help your child learn at home. We will also be learning about different animals and their habitats. As part of our learning, we will be reading a wide variety of texts about animals.

### **One World**

To help the children understand and appreciate their links to the wider world we would like to create a display in class. Please can you send in via dojo photos of any countries the children have visited or friends or family they have abroad.

### **Reading**

We have started to send home a book to share at home. Please ensure you take good care of the book and return it once it has been read. Books will be changed weekly. It is important that you read with your child every day. Please write a short note in your child's book diary to let us know that you have read the book. Some of the books we will be reading are: Walking Through The Jungle, Brown Bear Brown Bear, Dear Zoo, Giraffes Can't Dance, Mixed, Handa's Surprise.

#### **How You Can Help**

- Model being a reader to them. You are your child's hero; if they see you reading they will copy!
- Support your child to retell a familiar story. Talk to your 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.

### **Mathematics**

This term we will be covering:

- number and place value to 5
- comparing groups of items, saying whether a set can have more, the same or fewer than another set
- learning that objects can be compared and ordered according to their size
- encouraging the use of language such as big and little, small and large to describe a range of objects.
- learning language such as tall, long, short
- copying, continuing and creating their own patterns

#### **How You Can Help**

- 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?
- You may find it useful to watch the White Rose Maths with Michael videos as guidance for parents on how Maths is taught in school. <https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/maths-with-michael/>



## **Starfish Pre-school**

### **Rye Community Primary School**

Soon the children will start outdoor learning at Forest School on Tuesday mornings. Please send your child into school with a puddle suit, wellies and a change of warm clothes. In the colder months children will also need a hat and gloves. Please ensure all items are named.

#### **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.

#### **PE**

The children's PE lesson will now be on a Thursday morning. Please ensure children wear a tracksuit and trainers.

#### **Super Star 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.

#### **WOW moments**

Soon we will be sending home some WOW moment cards. We would love you to share any WOW experiences that the children have had at home.

#### **Going home**

Please inform a member of staff if a different adult will pick up your child and provide us with a picture and password.

Thank you for your support,

The Pre-school staff