



RYE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER TERM SIX



Dear Parents,

What another exciting year it has been!

It has been an honour, joy and privilege to have been on another school year journey with you.

Although we are saying 'goodbye' for another school year, I know it won't be long before we see each other on the gates again at 8.30am on the first day back! However, until then, a big thank you to all in our school community for a fantastic year, I don't want to miss anyone out, so thank you to every single person in our Rye Primary family, our children, staff, parents, AAC members— anyone who is a member of our community has my heartfelt thanks. I wish you all an amazing summer with your friends and families and I shall look forward to seeing you in September... When we start another school year at our good school!

Best Wishes,

Miss Martin

Headteacher

It's Time to say "Good Bye"

Our year has come to an end.

We've made some lasting memories

With all our Rye Primary Friends.

We've watched each other learn and grow

Changed from day to day

We know all the things we have learnt

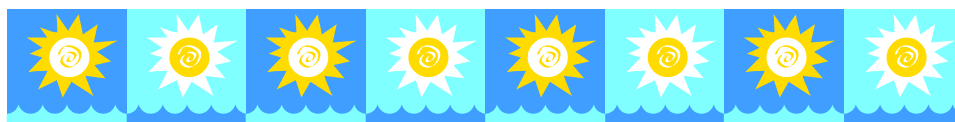
Will help us all one day

So it is with happy memories

We all go out through the door

With hope and expectations

For what next year has in store





STARFISH



This term, the Starfish topic has been 'On the Move'. The children began the term learning about different types of vehicles. They have enjoyed designing their own junk model vehicles and making marks using cars. The children have also enjoyed making their own carwash and learning about the different vehicles the police use! We even had a police van come and visit the class.

The Starfish pupils have eagerly watched the progress of their caterpillars, waiting for them to hatch and transform into butterflies. We have learnt about lifecycles and created our own symmetrical butterflies.



MINNOWS



It has been another busy term in Minnows class. The children have enjoyed visits from the police and fire service where they learnt about keeping safe. Sports Day was enjoyed by all and the Minnows were all amazing in our class sharing assembly; where they shared all that they have learnt about looking after the planet. In class we have watched caterpillars transform into butterflies which has helped us to talk about change and moving on. In addition, Minnows class have had the wonderful opportunity to attend Beach School, lead by Sussex Wildlife Trust. The children have had 4 days at the beach learning about our local area and its wildlife, how to stay safe near the sea and benefited from all the wonders of being outdoors!





CLOWNFISH



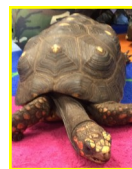
Clownfish class has been busy this term with the topic 'A Bugs Life'. We have looked at different habitats in Science and been on a bug hunt, recording the findings in our books. In English we have looked at non-fiction books and the differences between them and fiction books. We have looked at the journey and life cycle of a bee and created some moving booklets of our own during design and technology. We had a wonderful sports day where many children won medals for their amazing efforts in the different races.

We enjoyed a visit from the fire service, where we learned what a fire needed to light and we got to go in a real fire engine and explore the equipment that they use.

Phil from the Dogs Trust visited us and we found out how best to look after dogs and how to act around dogs to keep us safe and to keep them happy.

Jaws and Claws came in for a visit and we enjoyed touching and holding a millipede, bearded dragon, snail, tortoise, toad and a snake. The children and teachers were very brave and enjoyed the experience that finished off the topic nicely.

We have had an amazing last term in Clownfish class and we hope you all have an amazing summer, keeping safe and having lots of fun and we wish you all the best in your new class in September.



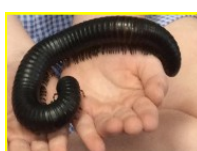
SEAHORSES



Seahorses have really enjoyed their learning all about minibeasts. We have found out so many amazing facts about bees and why they are so important to our world. One of our favourite facts is that a bee's wings beat over 200 times a second and that is what makes the buzzing sound!

Did you know there are around 20,000 different types of bees? Bees help to pollinate plants and allow new plants to grow. The best way to help bees is to have an area that has a variety of flowers growing. Even if you do not have a garden, you could have a window box with a variety of brightly coloured flowers.

This term we have also loved creating art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Andy uses natural materials to create stunning pieces of art which have to be photographed because they will not last. We have finished off with a celebration of our learning by having a bug day where we all dressed up and made some delicious minibeast themed fruit snacks. We were also lucky enough to be visited by some creatures from the 'Jaws and Claws' experience.





SEA TURTLES



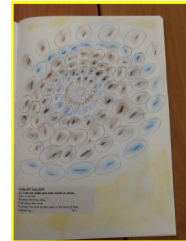
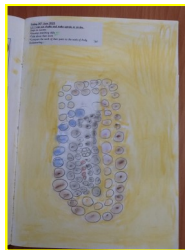
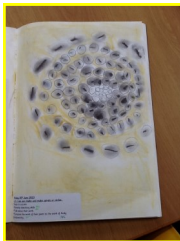
Sea Turtles have thoroughly enjoyed their, 'Bug's Life' topic. In English, we have been reading 'The Bee Book', by Charlotte Milner. The children have written some brilliant fact files about bees,

In Science, we have been learning about living things and their habitats. Sea Turtles have been on a mini-beast hunt looking at what lives in a range of different micro-habitats,

In Art and Design, Sea Turtles have been learning about Andy Goldworthy. They have been creating their own interpretations of his work, using chalk, stones and other natural resources.

We were lucky to enjoy a morning of cricket at Rye Cricket club and a fabulous sports day.

We are really looking forward to our bug dress up day and our visit from Jaws and Claws.



CUTTLEFISH



In Cuttlefish this term, we were lucky enough to receive a visit from the Dogs Trust. A member of the Dogs Trust arrived at Rye Primary and completed a workshop in our classroom, where we learned about how to be kind to dogs and how to be safe around dogs.





ORCAS



In Orcas this term, we have been learning about the Water Cycle. The children produced some excellent explanation texts about rivers. Then, we used the picture book 'Flood' by Alvaro F Villa, to re-tell the story using a different natural disaster - we had volcanic eruptions, tornados, tsunamis, avalanches and so many more!



MARLIN



We have had a very busy last term. In maths Marlin have completed their units of learning on fractions and decimals, worked with different units of measure to solve problems, compare and convert units of measures and looked at properties of shape including symmetry. We have been learning about the human circulatory system, a balanced diet, exercise and how to develop good strategies to heightened emotions. Marlin have had some brilliant additional curriculum experiences. In music they worked with some local artists to create their own song that they then performed at Rye Church. In English they visited Hastings College to view a Shakespeare adaptation and then work alongside the Year 9 children to create their own freeze frame adaptation of Macbeth





DOLPHINS



We have had a very full-on final term in Year 6 - our best yet! With last ever sharing assemblies, school trips, transition days, school concerts and everything in between, the Dolphins class have worked so hard and had a lot of fun. This week has been the Year 6 residential trip, where we took part in ziplining, leap of faith, archery, problem-solving and obstacle courses! To finish our time at RCPS, we have 'Year 6 Fest' and our afternoon tea to look forward to. Thank you for being amazing, Dolphins.



St Michael's Hospice, Rye accepts pre-loved uniform throughout the year to support the families of Rye Community Primary School and Rye College.

Why not sign up to Gift Aid when you donate and make your donation go further!

There will be a collection box outside School from Monday 17th July until the end of term. Alternatively you can donate directly to the shop Monday-Saturday 10-4.



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Attendance News



Whole school attendance for this academic year stands at 92.6%, please see the table below for your child's class attendance and the number of late marks their class has received this year. Our attendance target is 97%.

	Present R/C	Auth. Absent R/C	Unauth. Absent R/C	Late R/C
Student Group	Marks ↓	Marks	Marks	Marks
Marlin	94.25%	3.74%	2.01%	116
Seahorses	93.74%	3.95%	2.31%	99
Dolphins	93.63%	4.34%	2.03%	135
Sea Turtle	92.45%	4.29%	3.26%	119
Cuttlefish	92.44%	5.63%	1.93%	140
Orcas	92.44%	3.86%	3.7%	148
Clown Fish	90.84%	5.87%	3.29%	282
Minnows	90.24%	8.27%	1.49%	226



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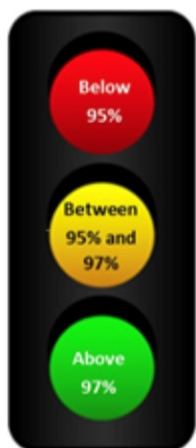
2 pupils have achieved 100% attendance for this academic year, congratulations for such an amazing achievement.



As you will be aware, this year we have been sending **RAG-rated** attendance emails for your child(ren), each term.

We hope that these emails have helped parents monitor their child's attendance and realise how important it is for children to be attending school everyday, as long as they are well enough to do so.

From September we will be meeting with all parents when their child's attendance falls to a concerning level. This will start in September when we will be meeting parents of this year's persistent absentees, (children with an absence of 10% or more). If you do receive a meeting letter, please attend, the meetings are an opportunity to discuss the reasons for absence and look at strategies to help.



Being in school is important to a child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

The data also shows that in 2019, primary school children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, missed on average four more days per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.

Please help us to help your child Dream, Believe and Achieve.

Ready, Set Read!

Starts 8 July 2023 Ends 9 September 2023

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at
www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national scheme produced by the Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries that encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays - and to enjoy anything they like to read! Children aged 4-11 are invited to take part and collect rewards for their reading, giving them a positive experience of reading for pleasure.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part nationally improved their reading skills over the holidays.¹

Sign your child up at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src If you don't have a smartphone, computer or tablet, you can sign up using a computer in the library. You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The Challenge will begin in [East Sussex libraries](#) on Saturday 8th July and end on Saturday 9th September.

The Challenge is to read any six books borrowed from the library or downloaded from our [ebook library](#). For children under 4 we have the Pre-school Challenge, where you can collect stickers for each book shared and a special medal sticker at the end.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker and a Reader Record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library. The Challenge is for all children, whatever their reading ability. Children who are not reading independently can share their books with a family member or friend, or they might prefer to listen to audio books.

To take part in Read, Set Read! children need to have their own library card and PIN. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature to the library and you can join the whole family, or you can [join online](#) and have your cards posted to you. You can [reset your child's PIN online](#) if you can't remember it, or ask in the library for a new one. You will need the PIN to sign up to the Challenge.



