



Rye Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to meet so many of you on the home visits, thank you for your hospitality. The children have settled well these first few days and are enjoying getting to know one another and gradually being introduced to the wider parts of school life.

This term we will be supporting the children to become increasingly independent and spending time getting to know all of their strengths and interests so that we can plan their next steps.

Belongings

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to label the children's belongings. This really helps reduce children's anxiety and promote their independence.

However we have a few children start school with unnamed jumpers/cardigans, water bottles etc...

We do try really hard to help the children look after their property however all unnamed items that are found will be placed in the lost property.

It is really important that the children come into school well prepared. We ask for the following items only.

- Named bookbag – big enough to store the following items:
- Reading record and reading book
- Named water bottle (Water only) to stay in school
- Coat (named)
- PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/joggers, black plimsolls/plain black trainers) – to stay in school.

Additional optional items

- Spare clothes including underwear (named)
- Wellies (named)
- Lunchbox (named) –if required

We do not permit children to bring in personal items such as toys, as children can become upset when others want to share their toy or they get lost.

This term's learning

Later this term we will be introducing the text 'The Little Red Hen' which will support the children in learning about Autumn, Harvest and farms. Please see attached a copy of the key vocabulary which you can help your child learn at home.

Reading

It is important you read with your child every day. Please use the Reading Record books to record that you have read together. Children and classes that have read the most are rewarded!

Please keep a look out for details about our parent phonics and reading workshop that is coming up later this term.

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 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.



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Mathematics

This term the children will be comparing numbers and an amount by matching and sorting. We will look in-depth at the numbers to five through a Maths Mastery model. We will be exploring pattern and introducing the children to the vocabulary they need to compare size, mass and capacity.

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/>

PE

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

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

On a Monday we will be going to Forest School. On Forest School days children must have their arms and legs covered to the wrists and ankles. This means that they may need an extra layer (either over or under) and should wear wellies. We have a small number of spare puddle suits and wellies so please do let us know if you have a problem providing them.

Homework

As we discussed in our home visits, homework is set via Reading Eggs and MathSeeds on a Friday. The children will have one week to complete their assignment. All children are expected to read every night at home or at least, as often as possible. All children are expected to complete all homework. If you have any problems please speak to a member of the team.

Class Dojo

Please remember to check Class Dojo. We regularly post messages, photos and videos from school. It is also the best way to contact us if you need to- via the message function.

Superstar Stories

We will be sending home 'Super Star Stories' for your child. These are your opportunity to share with us your child's strengths and interests, along with any news and areas that they need some support with. We use these stories to inform our planning in school, so please return promptly.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Isted and Mrs Foster