



Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope that you all had a wonderful time over the Christmas holidays. By the end of this term the children will be halfway through their time here in Reception, we are sure that you will agree that time is flying by!

This term the children will be 'Exploring and Experimenting' with a strong science and technology focus. The core text for our Talk For Writing is 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jefferies.

Reading

The children have done so well learning the Phase 2 phonemes in phonics and this term we will be progressing on with Phase 3. Please look out for the Phase 3 resources that will be coming home and if you have any questions do speak to a member of the team. The children must have regular practise of their application of these phonic skills and that is why it is so important that they read their school reading scheme book everyday alongside sharing a 'story' book with you.

How You Can Help

- Take your child to the local library – membership is free and children will be able to borrow a wide range of exciting new books.
- Learning to read can feel like hard work so please ensure that they are not too tired, are comfortable and the TV and other distractions have been removed so that they can concentrate.
- Talk about new words and what they mean. You can use the vocabulary sheets we send home, storybooks or words heard in conversation or on TV.
- If you haven't done so recently, take your child for a vision check at a local opticians.

Maths

This term's maths will be covering

- Addition & Subtraction: *Number bonds to 5*
- Number & place value: *numbers to 10 counting and comparing groups up to 10*
- Addition & subtraction: *addition to 10 combining two groups to find the whole, number bonds to 10, 10 frame, part whole model*
- Geometry Shape and space: *spatial awareness, 2D shapes, 3D shapes*

How You Can Help

Day to day

- Practise reading, writing numbers to 5, then 10 and 20.
- Can they recall 1 more or 1 less of any given number
- Solve addition and subtraction practically eg... I have 2 glasses and 3 beakers on the table how many cups altogether? We have 4 knives but I need 5 how many more do I need?
- Spot 2D shapes and 3D shapes in the environment and reinforce the correct mathematical names eg a ball is a sphere, can is a cylinder etc...

PE

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

Minnow and Sardines



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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.

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.. Please ensure that these are CLEARLY LABELED.

Thank you to the parents who have already sent in the contribution for the planetarium and a gentle reminder to those parents who have yet to do this.

We need your help!

- Please send in any form of recycling that we could use for junk modelling . We will be making lots of rockets and robots this term.
- We would also appreciate any spare or odd socks or gloves for a textiles project – we are hoping to make “socktonauts”!
- Next term we will be swimming on a Tuesday morning and require some support in walking the children from school to the Freedom Leisure centre, please let one of the team know if you can assist with this.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Isted, Miss Lee and Mrs Wren

Dates

22nd January – Planetarium visit in school for Minnows & Sardines

11th & 13th February – Parent consultations

14th February- 10am-11am Learning Celebration, Ready 4 School Music Programme, Performance to parents.

14th February – last day of term