



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.

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. Rye Library is now open!
- 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

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday. The children will need to have warm clothes as part of their PE kit so please consider sending them in with joggers and sweatshirt.

To ensure Health and Safety all long hair must be tied up and jewellery removed, earrings will be taped.



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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.

Please continue to support your child's growing independence by practising putting on and doing up their own coat... you can imagine how long it can take to do 40 coats! If you have chosen school shoes with laces it is also really important that you help to teach your child how to tie their own.

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"!

All contributions from home will be safely stored for 72 hours before the children use them.

A reminder

Thank you to all the parents who have adhered to the new drop off and collection arrangements. Remember

- You must come in through the first gate labelled "in" and exit through the second gate labelled "out" – it's a one way system.
- Please wear a face covering at drop off and pick up times.
- Please observe 2m distance from each other, and the staff.
- If you need to talk to the staff please request a phone call or leave us a message on class dojo.
- Please stick to the new collection and drop off times.

By observing all these requests you will be helping to keep the staff and children safe- and keep our bubble open!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Isted, Mrs Kearney and Mrs Foster

Dates