Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"

Dear Adult Killer Whales,

We had a fantastic term of learning in Term 1 and the children all worked incredibly hard. Thank you for your support in creating the mini-beast information posters. It was wonderful to share these during the Parent Evenings. We are now ready to begin an exciting new topic in Term 2.

Term 2 Learning in Killer Whales

Our learning journey this term is based around the topic of 'Traders and Raiders' set in the period of the Dark Ages. We will discover how the Saxons began to invade Britain's shores before moving on to learning more about the bloodthirsty Vikings! The journey will be very History based and we will be looking at all aspects of Saxon/Viking life, from where they lived and their daily life, to how they came to inflict fear on all the land. We're sure you will agree what an exciting topic this will be for the children.

English

In English this term, we will be studying a variety of genres and linking our written work to Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The children will produce a non-chronological report and a character profile on a key person from this period. We will also learn about the Legend of King Arthur before creating our own account of the story and finally the children will write an historical narrative using their knowledge of what it was like to live during this time.

We will be focusing on using paragraphs to organise our written work and learning how to use commas accurately in a variety of ways in a sentence. The children will continue to develop their understanding of fronted adverbials and inverted commas.

How you can help your child
➤ Make sure your child reads daily and discuss the stories in terms of your child's personal reading targets. Remember to complete the reading record as evidence.
➤ With the topic in mind please discuss Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons at home and encourage your child to carry out any additional research where possible!
➤ Discuss meanings of any new vocabulary they come across (we will send home a topic word mat to aid this).
➤ Practise the spellings that are sent home weekly.

Mathematics

In Maths this term we will be focusing on continuing to develop our number skills even further. There will be a focus on securing mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction, before moving on to investigating a range of formal methods when multiplying numbers. The children will finish the term by learning how to identify lines of symmetry in 2-D shapes and how to calculate perimeter and area.

How you can help your child
➤ Look for opportunities to talk about maths in the everyday environment.
➤ Support your child and give them time to use mental calculation skills in real life contexts.
➤ Help your child to learn his/her multiplication tables.
➤ Look for areas of development on your parents evening hand-out to go over at home.

PE

PE this term will be taught by Mr Sayer on **Wednesday,** as well as the weekly sports afternoon on a **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school for the whole week.

Termly Homework Project
There is a list of suggested home learning ideas that can be completed at home but we would like you to do number 4 as your official homework project!

Look at images of Anglo-Saxon coins. Can you design a coin? You could draw a picture (and write about it!) or use modelling clay or other materials to make your coin look like metal- use your imagination!

End of Topic Celebration

To celebrate a wonderful learning journey we are inviting you in on the afternoon of Wednesday 12th December, from 2.00pm, to take part in our Viking Day. This will be a fun and engaging way for us to share our learning with you first-hand. On this day children will be able to dress up in traditional clothing for a day of Anglo-Saxon/Viking fun and activities, including a Viking feast. More details will follow.

Thank you for your support.
If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Brunton