



Rye Community Primary School

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Dear Parent Killer Whales,

Welcome back to another exciting (final) term of learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed our Tudor topic last term and produced some excellent learning. Thank you to everyone who supported their children with termly projects and trip costumes too.

Just a reminder that as it is the summer term, you must be providing your child with sun cream, a sun hat (if possible) and a water bottle. This is especially important for their Friday sports afternoon.

Term 6 Learning in Killer Whales

'The Romans'

Our learning journey this term is based around The Romans. This is a fantastic topic and allows us to discover all of the weird and wonderful things the Romans invented. We will be looking closely at Roman culture and how the Roman Empire expanded. This topic will also help us with our map skills as we will be studying the different areas of Britain that were invaded by the Romans.

English

We will start our term by beginning our book 'Varjak Paw'. This book explores the story of a Mesopotamian cat, Varjak, and his battle to survive in a city. The focus this term will be on creating pieces of writing told from another character's point of view, based on characters from our book. Throughout the term the children will get to explore a range of famous myths and this will be featuring in our Guided Reading. The children will then move on to writing a newspaper report all about The Romans. They will carry out some research themselves, so lots of fantastic reading to be done! There are many new skills to be learnt and old ones to be reminded of in fiction and non – fiction writing!

How you can help your child

- Make sure your child reads daily and discuss the stories.
- Look at the structure of stories they are reading e.g. beginning, build up, problem, conclusion, ending, characters and settings.
- Don't forget to record reading sessions in the 'Greedy Reader' booklets.
- Discuss meanings of any new vocabulary they come across.
- Practice the spellings that are sent home weekly.

Mathematics

In Maths this term we will be focusing on developing our knowledge even further. We will develop our **number skills**; have a better understanding of **converting units**



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of time and we will learn all there is to know about **co-ordinates** before **translating shapes**. We will also be recapping our knowledge of **fractions** including **equivalent fractions**.

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 calculations skills in real life contexts.
- Homework will be given out on a Friday.
- Help your child to learn his/her multiplication facts to become a 'Number Muncher'.

PE

PE this term will be taught on a Wednesday morning with Mr Sayer. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school for the whole week as due to the additional sport afternoon Friday a kit will be needed twice a week. If your child is unable to take part in PE due to medical reasons then please provide a note stating the reason on that day.

Trip

This term we are hoping to have a Roman dress-up day where we will be exploring all aspects of Roman life and getting into the role of a Roman for the day! A letter will be given out soon outlining further details.

Termly Homework Project

This term we challenge you to create a model of a piece of Roman armour, such as a shield, for your termly project!

We are really looking forward to seeing your creations.

Have fun!

Thank you for your support.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Brunton