



Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"



Dear Parents,

We had an amazing term of learning in Barracudas last term, exploring our topic of Fairtrade and Farming. This term we will be moving on to a very exciting learning journey: **The Circus!**



Term 5 Learning in Barracudas

The Circus is coming to Year 3! We will be looking at both the Cirque du Soleil and the Chinese State Circus, which allows us to explore France and China in close detail. Alongside this we will be learning about the range of exciting acts that feature in these circuses! This links in wonderfully with our Term 5 text, *Leon and the Place Between*, which is based upon a local circus.



How you can help your child

Carrying out any research at home based around The Circus will greatly benefit your child's understanding of the topic. Our termly project is to create your own puppet; this can be a finger puppet, hand puppet or any other type that you wish. All we ask is that it is home-made!

PE

Premier Sports will run our PE lesson each week on a **Thursday afternoon**.

Again, there have been a significant number of children that have **not** had a full PE kit throughout the last four terms, so if you could please ensure that your child has sufficient kit available on this day and that all kit is **named**.

Mathematics

This term in Maths we will be revisiting our division strategies before looking in detail at telling the time, using both analogue and digital clocks. We will then measure, compare, add and subtract lengths (m/cm/mm), mass (kg/g), volume and capacity (l/ml). To end the term we will consolidate our skills in multiplication; applying these to our growing times tables knowledge.

How you can help your child

- Please encourage your children to use the time in every day activities, e.g. what time is their favourite TV show on? How long does it last for?
- Encourage children to explain the key maths vocabulary they have learnt during that week E.g. addition, subtraction, less, more, data, interpret, angle, obtuse, right, acute, symmetrical, cone, sphere, cube, cuboid.
- Support with any maths homework.
- Support with learning the multiplication tables that they are working on in class (4,6 and 8 x table).

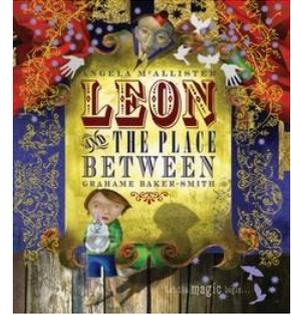


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English

Our class book this term is "Leon and the Place Between" written by Angela McAllister. This links with our topic of The Circus as it tells the tale of a young boy's experience when visiting a local circus. We will use the text to create our own story endings, looking at plot-twists, cliff-hangers and alternate endings. We will finish the term by creating our own persuasive leaflets advertising the circus.



How you can help your child

- Make sure your child reads daily and discuss the stories in terms of reasons for characters actions and reasons for author's choices of vocabulary. Don't forget to record reading sessions in the 'Greedy Reader' booklets.
- Read a selection of **leaflets** where possible.
- Discuss meanings of any new vocabulary they come across.
- Support with any English homework and spellings that they are working on in class.
- Any research on The Circus.

Homework

Homework and spellings will continue to be given out on Fridays. Please ensure your child is practising them regularly at home.

We are going to share some wonderful learning this term and hope you enjoy sharing this fantastic learning with your child. If you have any problems then do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mr Hallworth and Mrs Wrenn