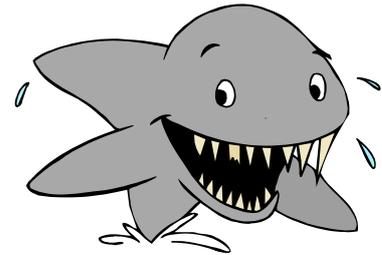




Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Rye Primary! We hope you have had a fantastic break and that you are feeling refreshed and ready for the busy term ahead. We have lots of fun and new experiences, whilst our expectations of the effort and work your children will produce are still very high.

Term 4 Learning in Sharks

The Victorians

Our Learning Journey this term is focusing on the important people, lifestyle and events throughout Victorian Britain. In History the children will learn about Victoria's empire, the industrial revolution and what life was like for a Victorian child. In science we will be researching Charles Darwin and his 'Theory of Evolution.'

Victorian day! – We will be aiming to hold a day where we immerse the children in the culture of the Victorian era. On this day the children will carry out a range of Victorian activities and we would love it if they could dress accordingly for the occasion. There will be more information on this event nearer the time.

English

To tie in with our Victorian topic this term our English lessons will be based upon a short novel by Berlie Doherty, 'Street Child'. The children will cover a variety of writing genres ranging from diary entries to fictional stories to information texts.

As well as creating writing influenced by our class story, we will also be continuing our school writing project 'Talk for Writing.' Please support your child as they learn a story orally using actions and pictures. I'm sure they will have fun teaching you!

How you can help your child:

- Make sure your child reads daily and discuss the stories in terms of reasons for character's actions and reasons for the author's choices of vocabulary. Don't forget to record reading sessions in the 'Greedy Reader' booklets. The children can achieve Greedy Reader Status by reading 30 times in term 4 (including what you have read with them in the February half term).
- Discuss meanings of any new vocabulary your child comes across.
- Support with any English / Grammar homework.
- Test children on their weekly spellings.

Your child may be invited to attend extra reading sessions after school this term, run by teachers in Key Stage 2. If this does occur, all information will be provided to you via letter and email.

Mathematics

In our maths lessons, we will be covering a range of mathematical topics starting with data and measures. We will also regularly recap addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies, as well as percentages and fractions that we explored last term.



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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.
- Please ask your child about what they have been learning and encourage them to explain the methods they use in calculations.
- Help your child to learn the times tables that they are working on to prepare for our weekly 'Number Munchers' challenge.

If your child was invited to attend Maths workshops on a Monday after school last term, this will continue in Sharks and Marlin classes on Mondays after school this term. Please ensure your child attends whenever possible and we are told who will be collecting them at 3.45 when the club ends. Alternatively, if your child is walking home, please let us know using the home-school book.

PE

PE this term will be taught on a **Wednesday** morning by Premier Sports. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days.

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is expected to be in on the following Thursday. It is important that homework is completed as this will help support the learning they have been doing in school and further develop their understanding of concepts. In order to keep homework tidy the children will be supplied with a specific homework book. The children will also be given a selection of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 spellings to learn each week, which they will be tested on each Friday. Please support your child as they learn these in the build up to their SATs.

How you can help your child:

Termly Homework Project

The Victorians were famous inventors! Your child's challenge is to invent a new modern-day device that will make everyday life easier. They can choose to present this learning in a number of ways (3D model/annotated diagram/fact file). Don't forget to get started nice and early so that we can all have time to appreciate the effort involved!

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mr Croft