



Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"



Dear Parent Stingrays,

Welcome back after another exciting and busy term of learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading *The Iron Man* last term, and we are really excited about our new class book and the learning that will develop from it.

Library visit – Monday 5th March (please bring library cards to school and a coat!)

Term 4 Learning in Stingrays

'The Butterfly Lion'

This term's learning has taken inspiration from the story 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. You may have heard of one of his other more famous stories – 'War Horse'. 'The Butterfly Lion' is a beautiful story about a young boy living in South Africa who adopts an orphaned white lion cub. The children will learn about African culture, as well as improve their Geographical mapping skills. We aim to design and create working kites, like they fly in the story, before finishing off the learning journey with a kite flying session on a hill in Rye (weather permitting!).

English

The focus this term will be on understanding and writing **poems and fictional writing**. The fictional writing will be improving on writing setting descriptions in the style of a losing tale. To finish we will write **persuasive letters** using the correct language and techniques. We will use 'The Butterfly Lion' as an inspiration for this writing.

How you can help your child

- Make sure your child reads daily and discuss the stories. Don't forget to record reading sessions in the 'Greedy Reader' booklets. We are aiming for the whole class to be Greedy Readers this term; however we need your help to achieve this!
- Please ensure your child learns their weekly spellings.
- With the topic in mind please share any interesting facts that you know about Africa and discuss any aspects of the culture that your child could research further.
- Discuss meanings of any new vocabulary they come across.



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Mathematics

In Maths this term we will start with discovering equivalence of fractions and decimals including rounding decimal numbers. We will link this learning to our knowledge of division and multiplication. We will embed these methods by solving a range of number problems.

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.
- Visit the Purple Mash site at home which offers various Maths activities.
- Help your child to learn his/her multiplication facts.

PE

PE this term will be taught on Thursday afternoons by Mr Sayer. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school for the whole week.

Termly Homework Project

This term we would like the children to make either a **kite or a butterfly** which we can hang from the ceiling (so not too big or heavy please!).

We look forward to seeing their designs.

Thank you for your support.

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

Mrs Kearney