



# Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5. We hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. It is difficult to believe that we are already four terms down with only two to go!

Year 6 pupils and parents will be fully aware of the importance of this term as the SATs Tests are only a few weeks away. Please find the dates later on in this letter. We ask that in the weeks leading up to SATs, the children are well rested so they can focus on the revision activities we will be completing in class.

## Term 5 Learning in Year 6

Our topic this term is mostly science based, looking at animals, humans and the way our bodies work. We will be looking at the functions of our organs and learning how we can promote a healthy lifestyle.

## English

To support the children with their writing we will be revisiting our previous key texts and editing and improving previous work using all of the skills we have learnt over the course of this year.

### 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 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 5 (including the two week Easter break).
- Discuss meanings of any new vocabulary your child comes across.
- Support with any English / Grammar homework.
- Test children on their weekly spellings.

## Mathematics

In our maths lessons, we will be covering a range of mathematical topics starting with units of measure, then moving onto place value and using the four operations. We will continue to work on calculations and will also look at problems that involve shape, angles and data handling.

### 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.
- 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.

## PE



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PE this term will be taught on a **Tuesday** by Premier Sports with athletics being a focus for learning. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day.

#### Homework

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is expected to be in on the following Thursday.

There will be no homework project this term. Instead, we ask that you support your child to complete the weekly reading, grammar/punctuation and maths homework in order to help them to prepare for the SATs tests. They should continue to learn their weekly spellings and times tables as these will also contribute to success in the tests.

#### SATs Timetable

The SATs week begins Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Tests cannot be sat if a child is absent, so it is essential that children are in school and arrive promptly. They will not need any resources (although a water bottle would be useful) and should be well rested and have had breakfast – this is very important.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> May	GPS Paper 1 (45 mins)	09.00am- 10.30am
	GPS Paper 2 – Spelling Test (15 mins)	
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading (60 mins)	09.00am- 10.30am
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 1 – Arithmetic (30 mins)	09.00am- 10.30am
	Maths Paper 2 – Reasoning (40 mins)	11.00am- 12.30am
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 3 – Reasoning (40 mins)	09.00am- 10.30am

The time allocated in the table above is to allow for all children to be settled and ready for the test to be completed within the allotted time period.

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

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards

Mr Croft and Mr Gurr