



# Happy New Year

## Welcome back to Term 3

We hope you had a great Christmas. We are very pleased and excited about our new term with the children. Our planning does allow for the interests of our learners, so activities and themes will vary. However, we will be talking about winter and seasonal changes and this will be linked with polar animals.



## P.E.

Our P.E. sessions will be on Thursdays, please ensure your child has a full NAMED kit.

## Phonics



We will be moving onto phase 3 which means the children will be learning digraphs- two letters which make one sound. Please see the new phase 3 sound mat and new tag to go inside your phonic packs.

### How You Can Help

Please read with your child every day and talk to them about what they are reading. Ask them questions about the story, characters and plot. Can they predict what will happen next? We want your child to win as many certificates and prizes as possible. It is through sharing books and reading that your child will become a confident, brave and enthusiastic reader. We thank you for supporting your child to become a regular 'greedy reader'.

Please encourage your child to form their letters correctly when they are writing at home. If you are unsure about this please come and ask.

Google phonic games at home-some useful free websites including 'phonicsplay' are:-

- phonics abaca
- abc PocketPhonics
- Mr Phonics for iPad
- Ladybird
- Simplex Spelling Phonics 1
- Hairy Letters

## Maths



## Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"

In Maths this term we will work on recognition and ordering numbers to 20 and being able to say what is one more/one less than a given number

### Number



#### How You Can Help

Please help your child recognise numbers 1-10, then 1-20, put these numbers in the correct order and say which number is one more/one less than a given number. If your child can do this they can practise writing the numbers (using correct formation).

Talk about shapes, 2D and 3D and describe properties of them, such as curved edges.

#### Star Stories



Thank you very much for completing your child's star story, this really supports our planning and allows us to cater for special interests and experiences relevant to your child at the time. It is a wonderful opportunity to cover topics your child is interested in. Please continue to fill these in whenever your child has one-this should be once a term.

#### ☺Please also see our weekly updated website news and events.

Thank you for all your support. Please see me if you have any queries, concerns or reasons to celebrate your child's successes.

With thanks and continued appreciation.

The Reception team.