



Rye Community Primary School

"A Gateway to learning"



Dear Parent Marlin

We hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break and are now refreshed and ready for another packed term of learning.

Term 5 Learning in Marlin

Seeds Galore!

Our learning this term will focus on the scientific area of **living things and their habitats**. We will study the functions of the different parts of plants, focussing particularly on how they reproduce. We will look at how the plants are designed for successful seed dispersal, enhanced by a trip to Wakehurst Place to work in a scientific laboratory. We will then move on to learning about different groups of animals and how their life cycles might be similar and different.

English

The focus this term will be on **comparing a written story with the same story as a film narrative**. The story will be '**Varmints**' by Helen Ward which looks at the downfall of a society and its habitat. We will also be developing our instructional writing by linking it to our class termly story.

How you can help your child

- Make sure your child reads daily and discuss the stories in terms of your child's personal reading targets. Don't forget to record reading sessions in the new 'Greedy Reader' booklets. You will need to read 30 times to become a Greedy Reader.
- With the topic in mind, please find out and discuss as much information as you can about plants and animals in their habitats.
- Discuss meanings of any new vocabulary they come across.
- Practise the spellings that are sent home weekly.
- **Our Reading Café session this term will be on Friday 27th April.**



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Mathematics

In Maths this term we will be developing our understanding of statistics and interpreting data in its different forms. We will also be extending our understanding of shapes, as well as using our reasoning skills related to number.

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.
- Help your child to learn his/her multiplication facts to become a Number Muncher.

PE

PE this term will be taught on **Tuesdays**. The focus will be **Striking and Fielding Games**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit.

Termly Homework Project

Design and make a seed pod for a brand new species of plant.

You can make it out of any material you like: clay, wire, material, wood, recycled materials etc.

You might wish to include sketches to show the type of plant it will grow into, as well as how it reproduces and disperses its seeds.

Don't forget to invent a name for your plant and where it can be found.

Thank you for your support.

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

Mr MacNicol