



Starfish Pre-school

Rye Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big welcome back to Term 4. This term the children will be learning about 'Homes and Buildings'. We will be discussing our home environment, the family we live with and the buildings around us. Please send us photos of your family home. The children love looking at pictures and using them as a basis for discussion. Later on in the term, we will also be learning about spring and the children will be observing and discussing the changes they can see in the environment. We will also be planting seeds and bulbs, as well as making a trip to the local town centre. Towards the end of the term, we will also be learning about Easter. As part of our learning, we will be reading a wide variety of texts.

Some of the books we will be reading are: Peepo, 100 First Words - The City, Tiger Who Came to Tea, The Elephant and the Bad Baby, Peace At Last, Goldilocks & The Three Bears.

Reading

Don't forget that you can borrow a reading book to take home at any time you wish to. We have a lending library with a range of lovely books for you all to borrow just inside the door. Please ensure you take good care of the book and return it once it has been read. It is important that you read with your child every day. Please write a short note in your child's book diary to let us know that you have read the book.

Whilst you are reading with your child pause to ask them some questions to check that they understand the story. For example, you could ask how a character may feel. You could ask them what you think may happen next and at the end of the story.

Also, we encourage children to recognise familiar signs and symbols on packaging and advertising. Please cut out your favourite logos and bring them in and see if we can guess what they are!





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Don't miss World Book Day on Thursday 7th March! We encourage children to come in dressed as their favourite book character.

Mathematics

This term we will be:

- learning numbers and place value to 6
- making comparisons between different items of size, weight, length and capacity

We are working very hard at number recognition. Please encourage children to spot the numbers all around us. For example, on number plates, doors and buses. Can they count out amounts of objects?

Forest School sessions and PE

The children will recommence their Forest School sessions on a Tuesday morning. Please send your child into pre-school Forest School ready with a puddle suit, wellies and a warm clothes on. When it is cold children will also need a named hat and gloves. Please provide spare clothing, underwear and shoes to change into.

The children's PE lesson will be on a Friday morning. Please ensure children wear a tracksuit and trainers.

Super Star Stories and WOW moments

Please complete and return the Super Star story with your child. We use the information on these to help with our planning. Children learn best when following their own interests and we strive to provide engaging and personalised learning experiences for the children.

Soon we will be sending home some more WOW leaves and next steps. We would love you to share any WOW experiences that the children have had at home or any work they have done towards their next steps.

Nut free

Please remember we are a nut free school. This means tree nuts and peanut products are not allowed in the school. This is to help keep the school safe for children with allergies.

Potty training

Please inform a member of staff if you are considering starting to potty train your child and we can support them when they are at pre-school. Did you know that your local health visitor can also support you at home? Call the health visitor on 01424 723070, or email esh-tr.hw-rural@nhs.net for further support. The following website has also been recommended by the health visiting service:

ERIC website and helpline:

<https://www.eric.org.uk/poo-and-wee>

Thank you for your support,

The Pre-school staff