



"All Learning Together"

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Rye Class Curriculum Letter Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a great summer holiday. The children certainly seemed to have enjoyed their break and have come back to school full of enthusiasm and ready to begin the new school year. Outlined below is a summary of the areas of learning that Rye Class will be covering this term.

Our topic for this half term has a History focus and is entitled 'A Child's War'. This half term, we'll imagine what it was like to be evacuated and live with a family other than our own. Using different source materials, we'll learn about evacuation and write letters to our families 'back home'. We'll plot the Second World War events on a timeline and learn about rationing, Pearl Harbour and the Battle of Britain. From a range of maps, we will identify safe and dangerous places during the war and make persuasive posters to support the war effort. After reading an extract from 'The Diary of a Young Girl' by Anne Frank, we'll write our own diaries. From a range of sources, we will find out about children and school during the war and learn about discrimination that existed at the time. We will learn about what it was like during the Blitz and think about how soldiers might have felt. In D&T, we'll make Anderson shelters and cook delicious wartime food. At the end of the topic, we'll reflect on Winston Churchill's stirring speeches and write our own. We' will compose and perform wartime songs and create a presentation to show what we have learned.

In English we will be reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom' to go alongside our topic. There will also be a emphasis on grammar based activities in class and I will be sending home a glossary of the terms, that the children should start to become familiar with (if they aren't already).

In Maths the children will hopefully be increasing their understanding of number and place value as it is important that these skills are embedded so further learning can build upon this knowledge. We are having a focus this year on times tables too and I will be sending home times tables for them to focus on. We will be testing them regularly and they should also be aware of multiplication and division fact families so for example $4 \times 3 = 12$, $3 \times 4 = 12$, $12 \div 3 = 4$, $12 \div 4 = 3$. We will also be trying to improve the children's calculation skills and showing them how they can use the four operations to answer increasingly difficult reasoning problems. They all have password to access Mathletics at home where I will set them activities relating to our topics to help them develop their

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knowledge. Whilst Mathletics is by far the most useful program that we have, the children also have access to Sumdog which is more fun for them to play but still has mathematical content.

In Science, Mrs Huntriss will be teaching them the topic 'Animals including humans'. They will be learning all about the characteristics, life processes and adaptations of animals and humans. Some of the life processes they will learn about include nutrition, digestion and reproduction.

Computing this half term will focus on e-safety ensuring that children are aware of how they can use technology safely. Both Mr Cairns and I will be providing P.E. lessons this term. We will be helping the children improve their skills at tag rugby, football, basketball and athletics. As well as the P.E. lessons we also have lots of school competitions coming up in the not too distant future including football and tag rugby.

P.E. will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons; your child will need suitable clothing and shoes for outdoor activities. P.E. kits can be brought in on a Monday and then taken home on Friday if necessary.

I will be happy to help at any time so if you do have any questions please let me know.

Kind regards

Mr Dan Walker