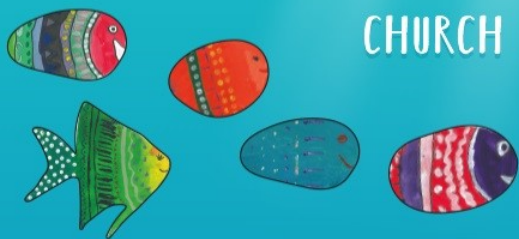




FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a brand new half term at Fishbourne Church of England Primary School. As you will know, we spent time just before half term reflecting on ourselves as learners and carried out standardised tests in year groups 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. These provide a helpful opportunity for staff to reflect on whole class priorities and individual children's personalised steps of learning. Reports will be ready to come home just before the Easter holidays and will contain information about your child's next steps of learning.



In response to the parent survey, some families said they felt out of touch with where their children were as learners. We will be holding an **open classroom** in the coming weeks where you can come and see your children's books and listen to a short presentation by your class teacher about the learning happening in the classroom and ways in which you can support with this at home.

These will take place at 2.45pm on:

Wednesday 9th March for families in Y1

Thursday 10th March for families in EYFS, Y2 and 5

Monday 14th March for families in Y3, 4 and 6

In the meantime, the two very best ways you can support your children at home are by reading together EVERY SINGLE DAY and practising number bonds and times tables EVERY SINGLE DAY. The difference this will make to your child in terms of their confidence, their fluency and their ability to take on new learning is immeasurable! We see evidence of this in our classrooms every single day. Ten minutes of each really does make all the difference in the world.



Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background. You can make a huge difference! Parents are the most important educators in a child's life – even

more important than their teachers! Being read to and being listened to will have a huge impact on your child's fluency and confidence.

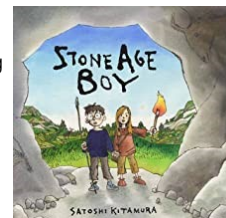
In the autumn term, Mrs Buchan and Year 6 made a film to explain why knowing your times tables is such an important part of developing as a confident mathematician and the significance it has as children continue their journey of learning. If you haven't seen this film yet, please do make sure you have a look.



<https://www.fishbourneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Times+Tables&pid=137>

If you are unsure how best to support your child at home and you feel you would like further advice, please do get in touch with your class teacher who will be delighted to help.

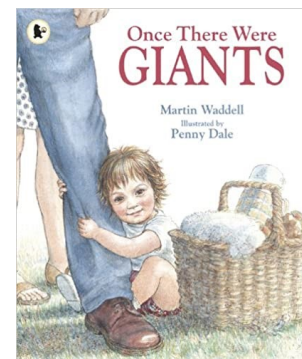
Elephant Class (Y3) will be continuing their learning about ancient history, this time focusing on the Stone Age. Their hook into learning will be the incredible adventure story, Stone Age Boy. The end goal will be to write to persuade guests to stay at the stone age settlement, Skara Brae.



Crocodile Class (Y1) will also be doing a history based learning experience, focused on our local area. As part of their hook, Crocodiles are going to travel back in time to look at familiar places in Fishbourne to find out if there were ever any shops in the village. After carrying out their own historical research the children will

reflect on our Enquiry Question and be able to answer it with reasons why, highlighting changes that have occurred in shopping in Fishbourne over time.

In Cheetah class, learning centres around a beautiful picture book 'Once There Were Giants', by Martin Waddell. As a hook in to the children's learning, they will be welcoming a member of the classes new baby brother in and learn all about looking after a new baby! We will also be playing 'guess the baby', with a display of photographs of Cheetah Class as babies (there may be some grown-up Cheetahs too)! During this learning, we will be thinking about and ordering different stages of human life.



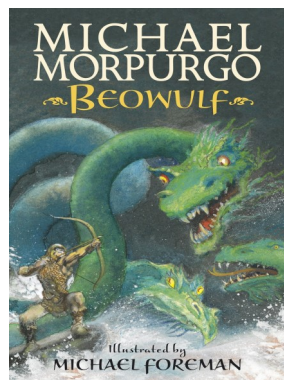
Children in Koalas (Y5) class will be taking part in a science based learning experience, Living Things and their habitats. This will include describing the different life cycles of mammals, amphibian, insects and birds including the reproduction cycle of plants and animals. Our Koalas will be hooked into their learning with a trip to Arundel Wetland Centre to explore life cycles of different species.

By the end of the learning

experience they will be able to write a non-chronological report about the life cycles of mammals, amphibian, insects and birds in which they can showcase their knowledge and understanding.

Our lucky Hippo (Y2) class are also being hooked into their geography learning experience, Coast, with a visit to East Head being hosted by the Harbour Conservancy where they will learn more about coastlines and some of the challenges that human beings bring with them when they visit the beach! We have our fingers crossed for a lovely, sunny day for them! They will be using their new knowledge and skills to persuade visitors how important it is to look after our coastline.





Penguins are learning about the Anglo Saxons. They will be exploring this creatively through the text of Beowulf and historically, by learning about Who the Anglo Saxons were and why they invaded and settled in Britain. Our end goal first part, is to write a creative piece about Beowulf's battle. We then have a textiles week linked also to the Anglo Saxons where for our end goal we will be creating an Anglo-Saxon purse and writing a leaflet about the Anglo-Saxons in Britain, following a visit from Paul Ullson and hopefully a trip to Butser!

Panthers learning experience is 'We are Global Citizens!' Through this, the children will be exploring what globalisation is and what it means to be a Global Citizen. They will look at trade around the world and how we can make a difference to other people and our planet by making choices when we shop. Their end goal will be a persuasive text focussing on fair trade and climate considerations - 'Choose the world you want'.



The outbreak of war in Ukraine has featured in a lot of our thoughts over the half term break and it has been interesting to hear the children talking about their feelings and reflections during the week. We have talked with the children about ways in which we can make the world a better place for refugees arriving in England and those overseas with an emphasis on being proactive and responding positively to a situation over which we have no control and praying for those who do.

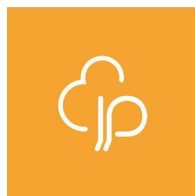
*Father God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.
We pray for all those who are afraid.
We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they behave with wisdom and courage.
Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine. Amen*

This academic year, we are raising funds for Children on the Edge and The Sanctuary. Each class will be organising their own fundraising activities and the money we raise will be divided equally between these charities. The children have decided their fundraising for The Sanctuary will buy a copy of Only One You for each refugee family arriving in Chichester.



Please don't forget about Lending Library in the entrance hall which is for children who may have worries or anxieties. We put this lovely collection together during one of the lockdowns and it has been a really helpful resource for many of our children. It is a good way in for talking about worries!

Our wonderful FOFS team have sent an email via parentmail to families inviting you to come and join us at Junior Park Run in Priory Park, Chichester on Sunday 13th March. We are in training in school on our Daily Mile running track and will be talking to the children about it in school. It would be lovely to see lots of little fish representing our school in their school t-shirts on the day! Hopefully the sun will shine!



Upcoming Dates

Wed 9th March Open classroom for families in Y1
Thur 10th March Open classroom for families in EYFS, Y2 and 5
Fri 11th March—Y5 cake sale raising funds for Children on the Edge and The Sanctuary. All children need £1
Mon 14th March Open classroom for families in Y3, 4 and 6
Wed 6th April: Easter Sale organised by Y4 for Children on the Edge and The Sanctuary.

FOREST SCHOOL DATES:

Year 6: Fri 18th March and Fri 20th May
Year 5: Fri 25th March and Fri 27th May
Year 4: Fri 1st April and Fri 27th May
Year 3: Fri 8th April and Fri 24th June
Year 2: Fri 29th April and Fri 1st July
Year 1: Fri 6th May and Fri 8th July
Reception: Fri 13th May

Please note: If you child is absent from school for any reason please always leave a message via the school telephone number 01243 785974.



During the last academic year and through lockdown, we dipped our toes into Twitter and Instagram! Please do follow us if you would like to! (Don't panic though... any key messages and news will be delivered to you via ParentMail and the school website!)

Please do find us and start to follow... @FishbournePrim1
You could also follow our Patron of Reading Sophy Henn... @sophyhenn
On Instagram we are: fishbourneprimary

OH MY GOODNESS ME! We were totally over the moon yesterday when Sophy Henn published Pizazz 4 and our first seven copies arrived in school to see this... Sophy has dedicated her book to all our little fish—how utterly amazing is this!! There was no better way to celebrate World Book Day than by sharing this exciting news with our school, family.

Talk about make our world a better place to be! This is possibly the most exciting thing to have ever happened at our amazing school!



AT FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, WE NURTURE OUR LEARNERS TO BECOME...



INSET DAYS
One further INSET day is yet to be set in the summer term—we will share the date as