



Fishbourne C E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to Year 2! We would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all and look forward to getting to know you all as quickly as possible. We are excited to start the next school year teaching the lovely Cheetahs!

It is hugely important that we work together this year to help all of our lovely Cheetahs be happy and successful. I would like to start by reassuring you that looking after your children's best interests is my top priority. Please do contact me on the class email whenever you need, I will look at emails once a day and will respond to these during the hours of 8am and 5pm. If your email is vital to be seen by the end of the school day (for example, if it is related to a change of usual plans for pickup) please do send this via the office so that is seen in time.

Communication is vital and I am sure we all want to remain feeling as connected as possible. We will be adding homework to SeeSaw and using this platform for some small whole class updates so please do make sure you have this set up and checked regularly. If you are unsure of how this works or have any challenges please do not hesitate to reach out and I will be happy to give a quick tutorial.

Over the summer term I have had the opportunity to start getting to know the Cheetahs and build a relationship with each of them, which will give us a great start in September. I know we will have a fantastic start to the year and together we will be able to do our best for our special little people.

Below is a summary of the learning we will cover in the Autumn Term.

Getting to know me

We are beginning with a PSHE related Learning Experience which will allow me to really build a relationship with everyone in Cheetah Class. We are using the book 'Super Duper You' by Sophy Henn (our Patron of Reading) as our hook for this Experience. When we begin in the Autumn we will study this book and complete a range of activities, using the book to help us identify what is great about having our own personalities and interests. We will also use the book to help us think about positive relationships and being a good friend.



Our writing will focus on the children producing a guide to themselves and our main aims will be to produce clear and simple sentences which are punctuated properly, using our phonics for spellings.

Marvellous Materials

For our second Learning Experience we will be investigating materials, including their properties, uses and effectiveness. Our writing focus will be related to the designing and evaluating process as well as creating engaging and effective advertisements for our products.



Narrative

Our first Narrative Learning Experience will be really important for our Cheetahs in order to improve their quality of writing, stamina and spelling. We will focus in on some important writing skills such as adjectives and conjunctions as well as mastering our punctuation and sentence structure.

Half Term will be the week beginning Monday 23rd October.

Poetry- The Lost Words

After half term is our first whole school learning experience where we will be exploring poetry through *The Lost Words* by Robert MacFarlane and Jackie Morris. This beautiful 'book of spells' seeks to conjure back the near-lost magic and strangeness of the nature that surrounds us.

Art - Picture This!

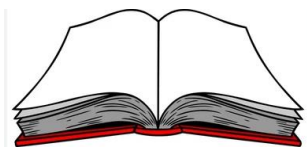
We will be taking part in an Art Learning Experience, looking at primary and secondary colour theory and using different materials to study the work of British artist David Hockney.

RE- What is God like and Who made the world?

Throughout the Autumn term we will use the story of Jonah and The Whale as a stimulus to guide us through our RE learning. We will also study the creation story and the beliefs as to how our wonderful world was made.

RE - Christmas/ Nativity

During the final few weeks of this term we will look at why Christmas is important to Christians. Watch this space for finalised details on how/what our nativity will look like this year!



Whole Class Texts

Reading is something we are hugely passionate about at Fishbourne, and this year we will be undertaking daily whole class reading lessons where children will learn a range of skills to help develop their fluency and comprehension. The children will be listening to many high level texts to expand their vocabulary and reading knowledge. We will take part in reading lessons where we will use books appropriate for their own stage and activities related to these. I can't stress enough how beneficial it is to read and share texts daily, even 5 minutes can make all the difference. Reading plays a huge part in our learning and can make other areas of learning more challenging so I really do ask you to keep up with and stick with this. As our reading skills develop we will begin to focus on our reading comprehension and ability to think about and discuss what we have read.

PE

We are very fortunate to continue with sports coaching this year from South Coast Sports so please do make sure your child's PE kit is in school on Monday and Tuesday each week. Children will be changing for PE in school and back into their uniform before the leave for home. PE kits must be named and consist of black/white shorts, school coloured PE top, white socks and trainers which children can independently put on. It is really helpful if you can teach your child to do laces when needed! Please ensure that as the weather changes, your child has a plain, warm tracksuit to wear as we will aim for sessions to be outside where possible.

A few other key factors in Year 2 are listed below, it is a big year and we will continue to aim high!

Daily Reading at Home

Please listen to your child read every day at home, this is a vital skill that we need to keep working on as much as possible. As your child's reading skills develop, do begin asking questions based on what they have read in order to develop their comprehension skills.

Homework

Homework will be set from Week 2. This will be stuck in your child's homework book and also put on SeeSaw digitally. It will consist of weekly spellings, mental maths/times tables and short a written task or reading comprehension. Please let me know if you have any issues with this and we will do our best to help!

Please also have a named water bottle in school daily. Water bottles can be refilled throughout the day.

Please do get in touch via email to myself or the office if you have any concerns.

A reminder of those emails:

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With warm regards

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