

# Fishbourne C E Primary School

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## WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to Year 3!

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are very much looking forward to the new school year.

I have written this letter to give you an overview of our learning for the autumn term. If you have any questions or concerns please remember that you are welcome to email me or pop in after school for a chat!

### Our Learning

Each learning experience will start with a hook and finish with an end goal. The steps towards our end goal are carefully planned and personalised to enable your child to make good progress.

Our first week was spent getting to know one another, establishing routines and expectations and learning about each other. We did lots of learning based on the film Inside out! This helped the children get back to writing and I was able to get to know your children as writers.

### The Stone Age!

Our first history learning experience will be The Stone Age. We will hook the children into this learning experience using the fantastic book, Stone Age Boy. We will also be visiting Butser Farm and taking part in lots of Stone Age inspired activities. The children will be writing a description of a scene taken from Stone Age Boy for their end goal write.



### Rocks and Mary Anning

Our second science based learning experience will be learning all about rocks and soils. This leads on nicely from The Stone Age and explores how rocks are formed and the discovery of fossils by

Mary Anning. For our end goal, the children will write a biography using all the information they have learned about Mary Anning.

### The Lost Words

The Lost Words will be a whole school poetry learning experience. We will use The Lost Words by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris to inspire us to write our own poetry. We will also be creating watercolour paintings to go alongside our poems.

### The Dragon in the Library

Our narrative write for this term will be inspired by our whole class reading book, The Dragon in the Library.



### Christmas Levers!

The final learning experience will be DT based and will require the children to explore lever mechanisms. They will create their own product with a lever mechanism by working through the design, make and evaluate process.

### Reading

Our first whole class reading text will be The Dragon in the Library by Louie Stowell. As a class, we will read a chapter and answer questions based on what we have read.

The children will also have a book that they independently read at school and at home. It is really important that your child reads daily at home. This year they have a green reading log book which must be used to record any reading your child does. These will be used in school and at home so children should be keeping these in their bags.

### PE

Please remember to have your labelled PE kit in school every day. Trainers are essential and on cooler days remember to bring a warm jumper! Curtis is working with us on a Thursday and Friday afternoon.

We will be going swimming on a Tuesday afternoon after lunch. The children will need a swim hat, goggles, a towel and suitable swim wear.

### Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in on a Friday. All homework will be stuck into a homework book. Please remember to also log onto Doodle!

We have a very busy and exciting term ahead! If you have any questions or concerns, please do use the class email which is [crocodiles@fishbourneprimary.co.uk](mailto:crocodiles@fishbourneprimary.co.uk)

Best wishes,

Miss Megan Grant