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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday enjoying time with your families. I am so looking forward to coming back to school to establish a calm routine with lots of inspirational learning. Over the first few weeks, we will be reflecting on our learning behaviours to help support and nurture the Elephants with their return to school as they move into Year 5.

Learning Experiences

In the autumn term, we have lots of thrilling Learning Experiences to inspire the children to develop their interest in our wider curriculum aims. Following is a little insight into what each learning experience will be about, I haven't gone into too much detail so as not to spoil the surprise element! As usual, all our learning experiences will have a hook and an end goal, together with a series of steps for each learner, some of which are personalised specifically to meet your child's needs.

CYE

Our first Learning Experience is an amazing trip to the Christian Youth Enterprise (CYE) in Chidham where the Elephants will be developing their team work skills and taking part in sailing, kayaking and tunnelling activities. In this Learning Experience, our PSHCE focus is about our self-identity and our life experiences. This will be an opportunity to learn about our comfort and stretch zones and how to tackle new challenges.

Message in a bottle

This is a science based learning experience studying how materials change. We will be comparing and grouping together everyday materials on the basis of their properties and will investigate how some materials dissolve in liquid. The children will be explaining what is happening around them, predicting how things will behave and analysing the causes.

Life in Ancient Greece

With a history focus, this Learning Experience includes an in-depth study of how the Ancient Greeks contributed to our modern civilization and the influence they still have on us today. We will be focusing on various historical enquiry questions to help us investigate and understand what life was like for Ancient Greeks. The children will be inspired by tasting a variety of different foods to understand what life would have been like in Ancient Greece.

The Lost Words

This poetry Learning Experience is based on the inspirational book 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris which will include a whole school Forest Day.

My the Force Be With You

This science Learning Experience is about different types of forces such as gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. You will also learn about the use of mechanisms such as levers, gears and pulleys and the effect forces have on them.

Structural Frames

For this hands-on design and technology Learning Experience, we will be studying a variety of structural frames. From this, the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own frames.

Reading

Over the summer, we have focused on having an inspirational reading corner that will help to encourage and develop the Elephants love of reading and secure their preference for the books and authors they enjoy. As the Elephants move into Year 5, we will be exploring and discussing, in an analytical way, a variety of different authors and genres to help them develop these reading choices. For reading in the classroom, there will be a mixture of whole class texts that we will explore in-depth as well as shorter stories and non-fiction texts. Each day, Book Talk will be for half an hour after lunch focusing on different aspects of the reading skills using the Reading Vipers approach.

Please make sure that the small green Reading Record books are brought to school **every day** to record your child's learning and experience of reading. Just ten minutes each day will make all the difference to your child's confidence in reading it is a great way to spend time together. A good website to explore different books with your child is: <https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/genre/9/9-plus-readers.html>

Maths

In Year 5, we will be starting with place value, followed by addition and subtraction and finally statistics before the half term. After half term, we will move onto multiplication and division followed by measurement including perimeter and area which will take us up to the Christmas holidays. Each day the children will be completing our Fluency in 5 questions to increase their fluency and speed for arithmetic skills.

Home Learning

Home Learning Journals will be sent home at the beginning of term for your child with their work printed off inside. Homework will be sent home every week on a Thursday and need to be completed by the following Tuesday. Each week there will be a spelling focus, a grammar and maths task to complete. The work can be completed into their Home Learning Journals and returned to school for the next week.

PE

PE for the Elephants will be on a Wednesday afternoon after lunch and the first lesson on a Thursday morning. In the first term, we will start with dance and hockey until half term and then gymnastics and OAA afterwards. The children will also participate in the Daily Mile on days when PE is not taking place. Please make sure that PE kits are in school on a Monday and taken home for washing on a Friday.

Please feel free contact me on the class email at Elephants@fishbourneprimary.co.uk or leaving a message with the office.

Kind regards

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