

Fishbourne C E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to wish you a very happy New Year and say a MASSIVE thank you for my cards and presents. I hope you had a super Christmas holiday and are ready for another busy term. It has been lovely to be back in the classroom with the fantastic Cheetahs hearing all about their holidays and seeing how excited they are to be back learning.



We are starting this term exploring animals including humans. We will be looking at different animals and what they need to survive in different environments, as well as why exercise and a healthy diet are important for us as humans. In English we will be writing a survival guide for a pirate to use on a desert island.

In maths we will be working with shape, sorting and creating patterns with 3-D and 2-D shapes.

Following on from this we have a geography learning experience all about Kenya and an RE experience looking at Hinduism. Throughout these couple of weeks I will be assessing the children in maths and English and they will be writing their comments for their reports.



After half term we have an exciting whole school PSHCE experience called 'Happy from head to toe'. As a staff team we will be putting on various workshops about the hobbies which we find beneficial for our wellbeing. These activity workshops will share skills with the children and provide them with an idea of how to look after their wellbeing.

At the end of February and leading on into March, we will be investigating the Great fire of London. We will become detectives seeking to find the answers to the questions: What happened? and How did it happen? Leading on from this, we will be using our computer skills to transfer our research into digital presentations about what happened in this part of history!

Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be sent home on a Thursday and I ask that the books are brought back into school on Thursdays for our spelling tests. It is really important that home learning is supported by an adult at home. Although the task should be done independently your child will really benefit from having you read it through with them and discuss what they need to do and how









they can go about it as well as checking in with you after they have completed it to ensure they are confident with what they have done.



<u>Times Tables</u>

Thank you for all of the support that you are giving your children in learning their times tables.

By the end of year 2 your child needs to know the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We have focused over the autumn term on the 10's and this term we will be looking at our 2's. Please try to make sure your children are practicing regularly at home.

We continue to have Doodle for a little while so please do use this to practice times tables. Most days in class we use <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10</u> as there are a range of activities and times tables to practice. You make like to use this resource with them at home as well.

<u>Reading</u>

Please continue to read daily with your child and record it in their home reading diary. This should be kept in their school bag so that I can always see how well they are doing, and how much they are reading. Every time your child reads, and it is recorded in their diaries, they will receive a dojo point. I aim to change their books as frequently as possible.

PE - For this first half term our PE sessions will continue to be on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that a named school PE kit is in school as your child will not be able to take part in these sessions without it. At this time of year it would be good to include a tracksuit or leggings, as most sessions will be outside unless it is raining.

If you have any questions, worries or queries please do contact me on the class email. <u>Cheetahs@fishbourneprimary.co.uk</u>

I will check this once daily Monday-Friday between 8am-5pm and try to get back to you as quickly as possible. If you have any last minute information such as a change in which adult is picking up your child please phone or email the office as I may not see your email until after the school day.

Thank you so much for your support, it is a privilege to be teaching your children!

Mr Neve