



# Fishbourne C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year having a much deserved break. In Elephant Class, we are looking forward to a fun-filled term with lots of exciting learning.

## Learning Experiences

In the spring term, we are continuing to have lots of fun Learning Experiences to inspire the children to develop their independence and love of learning. Following is a little insight into what each learning experience will be about. 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.

### The Ring of Fire

This is a geography Learning Experience exploring the locations of the world's mountain ranges and volcanoes, how plate tectonics form our planet as well as other aspects of physical geography. From this, we will be writing an explanation text about how volcanoes are formed, researching different eruptions and their impact on humans living near them.

### Space

For this exciting science Learning Experience, we will be studying the movement of the planets and their position in our solar system. As a hook to our learning, we will be visiting South Downs Planetarium to be inspired by the skies above us. Our end goal will be to write a non-chronological report showing our understanding of our solar system, describing the movements of the Moon and the Earth's rotation.

### Report Writing

During the first half term, we will be reflecting on our learning for our school reports. The children will be undertaking the NFER assessment tests as part of our assessment process. You will receive your child's school report shortly before the Easter holidays.

### Printing Patterns

In this art Learning Experience, we will be studying the work of William Morris and how the printing industry developed. We will be designing and creating our wallpaper in the style of William Morris.

### Happy from Head to Toe

This is a whole school Learning Experience looking at healthy living. There will be a focus on our PSHCE curriculum.

### Brightstorm

In this narrative Learning Experience, we will be writing a story based on the book by Vishti Hardy. Our grammar focus will be on describing a setting and integrating the dialogue within their story.

### Vicious Vikings

With a history focus, this Learning Experience includes an in-depth study of the Viking invasions, from the Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor. An inspirational visit to Butser Ancient Farm will start our learning about the Viking era as our hook. Our key inquiry questions will look at how well the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings got on and whether life was better in Anglo-Saxon or Viking Britain. Our end goal will be a discussion text debating these inquiry questions.

### Reading

**Please** make sure that the children are reading at home every day and bring their books to school. We are focusing on fluency and inference during our Book Talk through a variety of whole-class texts, non-fiction comprehensions and poetry. Over this year, the children must be expanding their book choice which we want to continue as the year progresses. The children have the opportunity to visit our school library each week. Here are some good websites to explore different books with your child:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genre/9/9-plus-readers.html>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/year-5>

### Maths

In Elephant class, we will be continuing with fractions: looking at adding and subtracting mixed number fractions; multiplying mixed numbers by integers and finding fractions of amounts. After this, we will be learning about multiplication and division, studying how to multiply four digits by two digits and dividing with remainders. This is followed by linking our fraction knowledge to learning about decimals and percentages. Also, we will be continuing to practice our **times tables** each week through a variety of games and challenges which can be followed up at home with Doodle which links in with this terms learning.

### Home Learning

It has been amazing to see the children's wonderful engagement and the pride they have taken in their homework over the previous term. Thank you so much! We will be continuing with a similar approach of home learning to complete each week with a grammar focus, maths challenge and weekly spellings. Additionally, there will be a maths task with an arithmetic focus or a maths topic we have covered over the previous week. Remember to practice your Doodle as it is a wonderful opportunity that creates each child a unique program full of fun educational games that encourage progress at every step.

### PE

PE for the spring term will be gymnastics, badminton, dance and tag rugby. 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 to contact me on the class email at [Elephants@fishbourneprimary.co.uk](mailto:Elephants@fishbourneprimary.co.uk) or leave a message with the office.

Kind regards

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