Fishbourne C E Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! A very warm welcome back to the spring term. I hope you had a restful break and are ready for the term ahead. The spring term is a very important one. We have lots to do! High levels of attendance is important so please do ensure your child is in school every day and that they are on time.

This letter will outline what we will be learning. If you have any questions, please do drop me an email.

Our Learning Experiences



Crime and Punishment

In this learning experience, we will build on our knowledge of periods in history that they have studied throughout KS2. We will explore using different historical concepts to understand how crime and punishment has changed over time in Britain. We will explore what was seen as a crime over time and the different gruesome punishments that were handed out to criminals! We will find out about the development of the police force from the Victorian period right through to the new millennium. There will be lots of opportunities for debates! Our end goal will be to write a balanced argument.

During this experience, we will be reading Holes by Louis Sachar. These books have been donated by our last Year 6 class so, we will lend your child a copy.

To hook us into this learning experience, we will be visiting The Royal Courts of Justice to take part in a mock trial! This will be on the **24th January** and we will be travelling by train from Fishbourne. **We will be leaving Fishbourne station at 10.31am and will return at approximately 17.40pm. We will then walk back to school where you will be able to collect your child from the school playground.** Your child will need a packed lunch on this day so please cancel a hot lunch if ordered. If your child is in receipt of pupil premium you will be able to order a packed lunch via Parent Pay. Furthermore, we have been invited by the Chichester Harbour Conservancy to take part in a debating session. Our aims here will be to respect the opinions of others and learn about the democratic process before we take part in a debate, and vote on the debate question. This will take place at the WSCC chambers! On **Wednesday 31**st January, all children will need to be dropped off at Dell Quay Education Centre by parents at 9:10am. We have arranged transport to the chambers later in the day. Please collect your child from school as normal. Your child will need a packed lunch on this day so please cancel a hot lunch if ordered. If your child is in receipt of pupil premium you will be able to order a packed lunch via Parent Pay.

The Wizard of Oz

This short, narrative based learning experience will take place at the end of the first half term and allow us to revisit the narrative writing skills taught in the Autumn term. On the **18th January** we will be visiting the theatre in Southampton to watch the stage play. This will be a lovely opportunity to become familiar with the story and to experience live theatre. We will be travelling by train from Fishbourne and will return at approximately 6:30pm. Please ensure your child is collected promptly from the school playground. If you have a DBS certificate, we are looking for 1 additional adult to join us. Please do let Sarah in the office know if you can support us. Your child will need a packed lunch on this day so please cancel a hot lunch if ordered. If your child is in receipt of pupil premium you will be able to order a packed lunch via Parent Pay.

WIZARD or OZ

Assessment Week

The week before half term, we will be reflecting on our learning in Year 6 and writing these reflections, which will form part of our school reports. During this week we will be sitting Reading, Maths and Grammar papers as part of our preparations for assessments in May. Being familiar with these assessments will help us to gain confidence and identify any areas of support needed. Further details about Standardised Attainment Tests (SATS), which take place in May, will follow soon.

The Adams Family

We have been invited to The Bourne Community College for a performance of The Adams Family on **Thursday 8th February** for the morning performance. **Please can** we ask that you drop your child to The Bourne Community College for 9:20am that day. We will be getting the bus back to school!



Dance House



I wanted to let you know that as a class, we will be performing in the exciting annual Dance House celebration. The show is a super opportunity for your child to perform with their friends in a spectacular evening of dance. The magic of live theatre, performing as a whole class and being on stage is a huge learning opportunity and one where memories will be made therefore all of the class will be expected to take part! This year, the evening will be held at the Worthing Pavilion Theatre on **Tuesday 23rd April.** Tickets for families will soon be on sale. As soon as we are told these are available we will let you know but do keep a look out at https://wtm.uk where the tickets will be sold. There will be a daytime rehearsal held on **Tuesday 23rd April. Further details will follow.**



Spooky Fiction!

After half term, the children have requested that we explore the genre of horror fiction! We will use an award winning short animation to write a story narrative showing off our writing skills! **Our end goal will be to write the story of Alma**!



Globalisation

In this learning experience, we will find out about how goods and services are traded around the world. We will explore the UK's trade links today and in the past, finding out about goods imported and exported and the methods of transport used. Through a more detailed look at one of the UK's trade partners, we will learn about the pros and cons of trading internationally, as well as why fair trade is important in a global market. We will be using two super texts for this learning experience, Trashland and Stiched Up by Steve Cole both of which will be lent to your child. **Our end goal for this learning will be to write a speech inspired by the Swedish activist Greta Thunberg. This will be presented at a Year 6 Trashion Show which you will be invited to attend. Watch out for a very special homework project coming soon!**

Homework

Thank you for your excellent commitment to homework! I have been really impressed with the dedication to this. Adopting good routines now will help your child be prepared for Year 7. Please remember though that reading is vital. If your child needs a change of genre or a suggested author, please do ask us as we have lots of great suggestion! Have a look here too: https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year6

Please do get in touch if you have any worries or concerns.

Very best wishes

Catherine Williams