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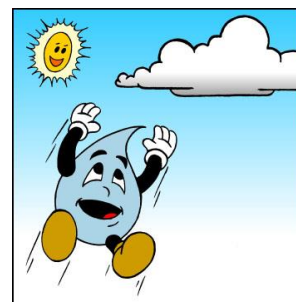
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Headteacher: Mrs N Day MA (Ed)

Dear Parents,

We hope that you had a great Easter break and were able to enjoy some family time in the rather mixed weather!

We have started this term looking at **Solids, Liquids and Gasses**. The children have loved observing puddles evaporating, predicting how long it will take water to freeze and discussing ideas to support which ice block they think will melt the fastest. This is leading into our end goal writing on the water cycle where they will be using scientific vocabulary such as evaporation, condensation and precipitation to explain the processes taking places.



Why the Whales Came

Our whole class text this half term is *Why the Whales Came* by Michael Morpurgo. Thank you for making sure your child has a copy. This makes such a difference to their reading experience.

We will be using this to inspire our writing, some art work and a litter pick along our local coastal paths. Our end goal will be to create a collection of pieces of independent writing, showing off their skills learnt this year.

After that we will spend a week looking at **Chernobyl**. This will have a geographical focus and so we will be looking at what happened there and how this has impacted the local environment since then.

Following on from this, this we will focus on Electricity in a scientific learning experience. You child will be coming home asking you lots of questions about how electricity works in your house and what different electrical devices you have. They will use this knowledge in their writing a safety explanation about what to do and not do around electricity. This will then link into our DT project where we will be creating electrical games for the summer fayre





In the second half of the term we have our yearly Lego learning experience. Your child's challenge this year is to build and then programme a Lego robot so that it is able to perform a short, repeated dance routine.



The multiplication tables check is fast approaching. As a class we will be completing it on the week beginning **10th June** which is just 7 weeks away. We continue to practice in class daily but this is now more about them being confident with the format. Could we ask you to focus at home on learning and practising each of the tables **daily**? Your child should be able to tell you which ones they feel less confident with or get wrong each time so please work with them on these. If not, please do ask and we will be able to guide you. As before we recommend using timestables.co.uk as a good website to practice and one the children know well.

Homework

Spelling will continue to be set weekly but it is important that your child is practising their spellings little and often in order to embed them. We will continue to test the words on a **Wednesday** and send home new words on a **Thursday**, restarting on Thursday 25th April. In addition to this your child needs to be reading for at least 15 minutes per day, ideally with an adult. It is vital that they begin to develop stamina and are able to read longer pieces of text. In our end of year tests, they are expected to read some quite long texts and are only given a short period of time to do this. Discussing what they have read continues to be really important to check that they have understood what they have just read.

Forest School

We have a series of forest school afternoons coming up this term on 26th April, 24th May and 5th July.

Please can you ensure that your children have wellies, a change of clothing and waterproof clothing in school on these days despite what the weather looks like in the morning. As we know, it can change very quickly.

PE

This half term, we have PE on a Wednesday afternoon and after half term it will be a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Please ensure all correct kit is in school every day as sometimes we are given an extra session if a class is out on a trip etc.

If you have any questions, worries or queries please do contact us on our class email.

Hippos@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

We 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 we may not see your email until after the school day.

Thank you so much for your support,

Mrs C. Rinaldi and Mrs S. Treagust