

# Fishbourne C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hopefully, you all had a wonderful Easter holiday enjoying the showers and sunshine and are ready for another busy term! It has been great to see all the Elephants back in school raring to go with all of their learning.

## Learning Experiences

Over the summer term, we will be continuing to have lots of exciting Learning Experiences to inspire the children to develop their interest in our wider curriculum aims. 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.

## Changing Coasts

To kick start our summer term, Elephant Class is visiting East Head Beach with Chichester Harbour Conservancy to study the formation of coastal features. We will be learning how coastlines evolve and how humans protect them to allow us to write an explanation text as our end goal.

## Orphans of the Tide

In our final narrative Learning Experience, we will be writing a story based on the book by Struan Murray focusing on using a combination of dialogue and setting description. Our grammar focus will be on how to use direct and indirect speech in our narrative writing.

## Living things and their habitats

This science-based learning experience is an in-depth study of how living things are interlinked with their habitats and other animals. We will be linking our PSHCE curriculum to cover how humans change as we grow up. This will include:

- Describing the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.
- Describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.
- Describing the changes as humans develop to old age.

The children will have an amazing trip to the Arundel Wetlands Centre to support us in writing an end goal about the lifecycle of a creature in detail.

## Apprentice Week

In this Whole School Learning Experience, the children will be exploring, testing and creating a variety of healthy recipes. They will be creating delicious snacks which they can sell at the school fete.

### What is Art?

In this inspirational art Learning Experience, we will be studying a variety of abstract artists and have the opportunity to work in a range of media focusing on our sketching and painting skills. We will be visiting Chichester Cathedral to learn about Marc Chagall's stained-glassed window and John Piper's tapestry.

### Robust Structures

For this computing Learning Experience, the children will be learning how to design a building that could withstand an earthquake. We will be constructing and testing Lego structures to design, write and debug a program that accomplishes specific goals. For our writing, we will be advertising our new, ground-breaking technology advanced structures.

### PSHCE

Over this term, Elephants will be completing the Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) in line with our PSHCE curriculum. This will be linked with our science topic of 'Living Things and their Habitats' in studying how humans develop over time and the changes that occur during puberty. This will include the following areas which you may wish to discuss with your child over this half term.

- Understand how puberty relates to growing from childhood to adulthood.
- Know and describe the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty and how to manage these.
- Know and identify myths and facts about puberty, and what is important for a young person to know.
- Know how or ask questions about puberty with people that can help us.
- Know about the reproductive organs and process - how babies are conceived and born and how they need to be cared for.
- Know that there are ways to prevent a baby from being made.
- Know and identify the links between love, committed relationships/marriage and conception.
- Know and explain what sexual intercourse is, and explain that this may be one part of an intimate relationship between consenting adults.
- Know and explain what pregnancy means, how long it lasts, and where it occurs, i.e. that a baby is made when a sperm (male) meets an egg /ovum (female) and then the fertilised egg settles into the lining of the uterus (or womb) (female).

Please do contact me if you have any queries regarding our SRE curriculum.

### Maths

In Elephant Class, our next topic is the shape including calculating perimeter, area and then learning about angles and coordinates. From this, the children will move on to adding and subtracting decimals and solving word problems. Finally, we will be converting between different units of measurement.

### Reading

Elephant Class are such passionate readers which is amazing. Once your child becomes a confident reader it is easy to let this slip but research shows that to keep reading with your child way beyond the age they can read for themselves helps to develop their vocabulary and confidence as a reader. Your children will bring home a reading book to share with you and be able to change this in school when it has been finished. A couple of minutes at the end of each day will make all the difference. A good website to explore different books with your child is:

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

### Homework

We will be continuing with a similar approach to home learning. They will have 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 practise your Doodle as it is a wonderful platform that creates each child a unique program full of fun educational games which encourage progress at every step.

## PE

PE for the summer term will be with Curtis on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The children will be participating in summer athletics and bat and ball games for the term. They will also participate in the Daily Mile on days when PE is not taking place in our designated area of the field. Please make sure that PE bits are in school on a Monday and taken home for washing on a Friday.

As usual, I am available at the end of the day or on the class email at [Elephants@fishbourneprimary.co.uk](mailto:Elephants@fishbourneprimary.co.uk)

Kind regards

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