



Fishbourne CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME to Year 4! I hope you all have had summer full of love, laughter and adventures, ahead of another exciting school year at Fishbourne – and what a year it's going to be!

Team Croc

Alongside Miss Furlong, Mrs Huxtable (am) and Mr Lawrence (pm) are part of the teaching team. In the afternoons, will also be joined by Curtis for two sessions a week – on a Monday and Wednesday pm. French and Music will be taught on Friday afternoons by Madame Gifford and Mr Servant.

Contact us

If you would like to speak to a member of the Crocodile team, please approach us at the end of the day. Alternatively, our email is crocodiles@fishbourneprimary.co.uk, which should be checked once daily during the working week. For any information regarding end of day collection arrangements, please contact the school office so that this information is not missed.

Upcoming Learning Experiences

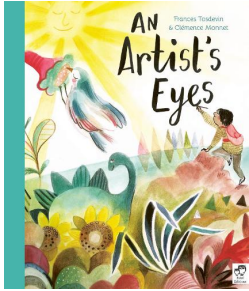
This term, the Crocodiles will be: scientists, storytellers, explorers and artists!

Science: Sound

Following our 'Why the Whales Came' learning experience, we will be diving into our first science learning experience of the year: Sound. What causes sound? How do we make sound louder, quieter or higher-pitched? And, the age-old question: if a tree falls in the woods with no one around to hear it, does it still make a sound? All questions the Crocodiles should be able to answer following on from our next unit of work. On Monday 16th September, the children will take part in a drumming workshop as their hook into learning – my earplugs are at the ready! We will also discuss those with hearing impairments and how to support them. To make the world a better place, we shall be visiting a local care home to share the gift of sound through singing and signing.

History: Anglo-Saxons

Before half term, we will journey back in time to visit the Anglo-Saxons. For our hook, we will explore the famous Weald & Downland Museum to find out all about life for the Anglo-Saxons, to learn the tale of Beowulf, and to hear the ancient folklore around medicine and magic. If you would like to join us on this trip, please let me know. Our writing outcome for this experience will encourage the Crocodiles to enhance their story-telling skills through writing a narrative. I look forward to sharing these gripping tales of adventure with you.



Art: An Artist's Eyes (Whole School Learning Experience)

After half term, the whole school will take part in an art learning experience driven by the text 'An Artist's Eye's' – an inspiring text depicting how we all see the world through our own perspectives. In Year 4, we will be focusing on landscape artists and the Impressionist movement.

English: Shackleton's Journey

In the lead up to Christmas, as the days feel colder, we take a journey to the coldest place on planet Earth: Antarctica. Our text driver will be the story 'Ice Trap' along side William Grill's beautifully illustrated retelling of 'Shackleton's Journey.' The children will learn how truly magical, yet unforgiving, this continent can be. We will discuss how visiting Antarctica in Shackleton's day would be very different to now. Would you have signed up to be part of his crew?

Home Learning

Each week, your child will receive learning to complete at home. This learning will focus on times table knowledge, as well as spelling and reading. The homework will also include a creative, optional piece linked with our current learning experience. In our 'meet the teacher' session we discussed the importance of reading with your child for at least 15 - 20 minutes, 5 days a week. Please ensure this takes priority at home – I have no doubt you'll be blown away with how much of a difference this makes. We aim to read one-on-one with your children at least once a week, so please ensure their reading logs remain in their bags.

Thank you

It was lovely to meet so many of you this week – please come and say hello if we have not yet been introduced. At Fishbourne, we value the importance of partnership and I look forward to working with you and the Crocodiles this year. If you have any questions, please come and ask – I promise not to be snappy!

Thank you for your support,

Miss Amy Furlong

