

# Fishbourne C E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday with your families. We are looking forward to returning to school to establish a calm routine with lots of inspirational learning. Over the first few weeks, we will reflect on our learning behaviours to help support and nurture the Crocodiles with their return to school as they move into Year 5.

In the autumn term, we have lots of Learning Experiences planned to inspire the children and develop their interest in our wider curriculum aims. Below is a brief insight into each Learning Experience; I have refrained from providing too much detail to maintain the element of surprise! As usual, all our Learning Experiences will feature a compelling hook and a defined end goal, alongside a series of steps tailored for each individual learner including personalised targets to meet your child's specific needs.

We kindly encourage you to discuss these upcoming experiences with your child to foster excitement and engagement. Your involvement is invaluable in reinforcing the importance of their education and supporting their learning journey.

## CYE

Our first Learning Experience is an amazing trip to the Christian Youth Enterprise (CYE) in Chidham where the Crocodiles will be developing their teamwork skills and taking part in sailing, kayaking and tunnelling activities. In this Learning Experience, our PSHCE focus is on our self-identity and our life experiences. This will be an opportunity to learn about how to tackle new challenges.

## May the Force Be with You

This science Learning Experience is about different types of forces such as gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. We will also learn about the use of mechanisms such as levers, gears and pulleys and the effect forces have on them.

## Changing Coasts

Crocodiles Class is visiting Dell Quay with Chichester Harbour Conservancy to learn about the challenges between the human and physical geography in our local area. We will be learning how coastlines evolve and the need to protect them.

### Christmas Baking

In our whole school DT Learning Experience, we will be learning to make gingerbread as part of our Christmas theme. This will enable the children to research, create and evaluate different recipes to enable them to create a delicious gingerbread recipe to share and create with their families at Christmas.

### Lion Above the Door

This narrative Learning Experience will be based on the book *The Lion Above the Door* by Onjali Q. Raúf. Our grammar focus will be on describing a setting and integrating the dialogue within the story.

### Life in Ancient Greece

With a history focus, this Learning Experience includes an in-depth study of how the Ancient Greeks contributed to our modern civilization and the influence they still have on us today. As a hook, we will be visiting the Chertsey Museum to investigate daily life in Ancient Greece. We will be focusing on various historical inquiry questions to help us investigate and understand what life was like for Ancient Greeks.

### Reading

As the Crocodiles transition into Year 5, we are excited to embark on an enriching journey exploring a diverse range of authors and genres. This year, our focus will be on developing the students' reading choices through analytical discussions and engaging activities that will enhance their appreciation for literature.

In the classroom, we will include a mixture of whole class texts that will be explored in depth, alongside shorter stories and non-fiction texts. To consolidate and develop our reading skills, each day we will dedicate half an hour after lunch to 'Book Talk'. During this time, we will focus on various aspects of reading using the Reading Vipers approach which promotes comprehension and critical thinking.

I kindly request that every child brings their small green Reading Record books to school each day. These records are invaluable for documenting your child's reading experiences and progress. We encourage you to spend just ten minutes each day reading with your child, as this consistent practice will significantly boost their confidence and enjoyment of reading. It is a great opportunity to share quality time together and foster a love for books.

For additional support, I recommend visiting the following website which offers a wealth of information on a variety of books suitable for your child: [LoveReading4Kids](https://www.lovereading4kids.com/).

### Maths

In Year 5, we will be starting with place value which is followed by addition and subtraction before the half term. After half term, we will move on to multiplication and division, and finally measurement including perimeter and area which will take us up to the Christmas holidays. Each day the children will be completing our Fluency in 5 questions to increase their fluency and speed for arithmetic skills. Please keep up with TT Rockstars as times table knowledge is so important in Year 5.

### Home Learning

Homework will be sent home every week on a Thursday and need to be completed by the following Tuesday. Each week there will be a spelling focus, a grammar and maths task to complete. The work can be completed in their Home Learning Journals and returned to school for the next week.

## PE

PE for the Crocodiles will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons after lunch. In the first term, we will start with dance and hockey until half term and then gymnastics and OAA afterwards. 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.

## Interventions and Support

We know that short, focused 1:1 or small group work can support children in securing key topics. Often, they just need a little extra time and then things click! We have carefully planned our week to ensure we maximise every moment of the school day. Your child may work with myself, Mrs Dumitriu or Mrs Day. During this time your child will work on areas where I feel they need a little extra support. If your child misses a PE lesson to complete this intervention, they will be invited to an additional PE session to make up for this.

Should you have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to an exciting and productive term ahead. You can contact me at

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Kind regards

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