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Dear Parents,

We hope you had a fabulous summer and we would like to warmly welcome you to Year 2.



The Shark Team

Mrs Rinaldi and Mrs Treagust are the Sharks class teachers this year, with Mrs Brown supporting us in the mornings and Mrs Ball in the afternoons. Mrs Rinaldi will be in from Monday to Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs Treagust taking over from Wednesday afternoon until the end of the week. We are really looking forward to working closely together on all aspects of Sharks class learning.

Our Learning Experiences

We are starting off the year by using the Elmer books to look at one of our PSHCE topics - friendship. This focuses in particular on how to make friends, be a good friend and how to resolve arguments that may occur. Our end goal will be to write a friendship card telling their friend about their good qualities.



We will then move onto a geography learning journey where we will be finding out about Africa and in particular Kenya. The focus will be on the human and physical features of the country including Kenyan wildlife, landscapes and culture. Our end goal will be to write an African Animal 'Who Am I' riddle focusing on simple sentence structure.

As part of our desire to make the world a better place we will be doing a sponsored African themed walk to raise money so that we can twin our class toilet with one in Africa. The money we raise will go towards providing basic hygiene in some of the poorer parts of Africa. To find out more about this charity check out their website: <https://toilettwinning.org/>



To lead us up to half term we will be focusing on science in our learning. The class will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival and investigate the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. Our end goal will be to write a healthy menu!

Our second half term begins with a whole school DT learning experience designing and making Christmas gifts. Following this, we will be investigating the historical legacies of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. To finish off the term our learning journey will take us on an exploration of Pop Art and portrait painting.

Our final weeks of term will also be filled with with plans and rehearsals for the nativity, a trip to the theatre to see 'The Three Little Pigs' and an RE learning experience developing our understanding of the nativity.



Rewards

Children thrive from positive praise, and in Shark class hard work is celebrated! We recognise this by using a system called '**Class Dojo**' which rewards children for their positive learning behaviours. Each child has an allocated 'Dojo Monster' and they collect points daily. We then display the 'Dojo of the Day' on our rewards board. We also celebrate those children who go above and beyond linked to our school behaviour ethos 'Ready, Respectful, Safe.'



Reading regularly is vital to the children's progress. It is essential that you listen to your child read at home every day for about 10 minutes. Please work with your child, recording in their reading log book that they have read to you, as we will be rewarding them in class with a Dojo point for each read. They will achieve a sticker for each book they finish and these will add towards something from the surprise box.

Homework - This will be handed out on **Thursdays, starting Thursday 18th September**, and due in the following **Tuesday** each week. Work will come home in a book where any tasks should also be completed. A copy will be posted on Seesaw for reference, but we would like you to complete it in the books and return them to school to be looked at by a teacher. It is really important that you engage in this home learning with your child and not leave them to do it entirely independently. It will include: Weekly phonics sounds to practice, high frequency/common exception words to learn to read and spell and grammar activities and maths tasks related to the learning that week. We will continue to encourage the use of **Numbots**, so if you need a reminder of how it works or a new login please just ask.

PE - Will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please can the children come to school on Wednesdays in their PE kits but with school uniform and shoes in their bag to change into as their PE kits will stay in school for Friday's lesson. Please ensure that each item in the PE kit is named. As autumn begins to hit us, please can you add a pair of tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a hoodie as they will be outside even if it is cold or damp.

Essentials

Please ensure that each day your child always has their book bag with their reading book and reading record inside. We ask you to provide a book bag in order to keep our books well looked after and intact. For the first few weeks we will be focusing on hearing your child read individually in order to make sure they have the correct books for their enjoyment and ability. A school water bottle should also be provided each day. Please do not place these in the book bags as they have a tendency to leak on the books! Following this we will move onto group reading and will provide information on this when we start!

A plea!

Please name everything! We will try our very best to look after belongings but named items really help. Can we ask that in particular all jumpers, coats and wellies are named? Our coat area is a very small space! Once PE kits are on pegs, only coats and small bags can fit. Please discourage your child from bringing in anything unessential. Toys, teddies, rubber collections, fiddle toys etc. are not allowed in school unless specifically allocated or asked for by the teacher.

If you have any questions or queries, please email or come and have a chat with one of us at the end of the school day. Our class email: sharks@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 well, as we may not see your email until after the school day.

Thank you so much for your support,

Chris. Rinaldi and Steph Treagust