



# Fishbourne C E Primary School

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Dear Reception Families,

Welcome to your first class letter, you will receive one of these each term so you can find out what your child is learning about and receive any helpful reminders. 😊

We know that when your little ones start school, it can bring with it lots of emotions for both you and them, but you should be incredibly proud of how each and every one of them have settled in. At Fishbourne, we understand the importance of taking time to build relationships with our new classes and it has been a joy beginning to get to know your children through lots of fun and play!

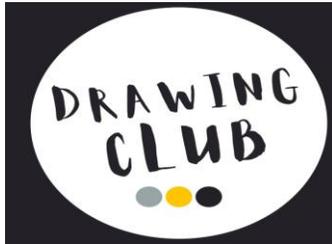
In Reception Class, we work as a job share, Mrs. Allen works on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs. Goodman on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We also have two wonderful Learning Support Assistants: Mrs. Whitaker, who will be in class full time, and Mrs. Hack who will be in class every afternoon.

Our first few days saw the children choosing and voting for a name for their class family and we are excited to announce that the children have chosen to be Seahorse Class! We are going to spend the next couple of weeks learning lots of interesting facts about Seahorses!





We are slowly beginning to introduce the children to Phonics. The Phonics scheme that we use, Song of Sounds, is fun and interactive with a very catchy song! Each Friday, a sheet will be sent home with the sounds and words that we have been practicing in class.



After half term, we will be introducing the children to Drawing Club. 'It uses weekly books and tales as a 'portal' to spark a love of story and language by encouraging the children to draw, discuss and create.' Your children will love the excitement of being part of Drawing Club and it will help develop the skills they need to become independent writers.

Our maths links with the NCETM and aims to build a strong foundation in number sense. We have a lot of fun playing and exploring numbers using lots of manipulatives and our trusty friends - The Numberblocks!



As well as all of this, we will also be exploring feelings using The Colour Monster, learning about Autumn and seeing what else the children would like to learn about by following their interests.

Your child will soon begin to bring their first book home. Take time to enjoy looking and talking through the pictures in the story, identify the sounds your child has already learnt and create a routine that works for your family to share their reading book together **every day**. Please write in their Reading Sketchbook each time your child reads.



### Useful Information

#### **Labelling items**

You will not believe how many jumpers, shoes, socks etc. like to disappear in Reception Class, please make sure you label everything!

#### **Water Bottles**

Water bottles need to be named and in school every day. We have snack time each morning, this is a sociable time where the children sit down and enjoy a piece of fruit, which is provided.

### **Seesaw**

Seesaw is an online platform where we can share learning from home and school. Each Friday, a selection of pictures will be sent on Seesaw showing you what we have been up to in class that week! Please also send through anything you would like to show us from home too! This could be things like riding a bike, creating something, counting, writing etc. We will send home the QR codes to scan and sign up - any problems just let us know.

### **PE**

Our PE sessions will be on a Tuesday and Thursday, please make sure PE bags are in school. During the first half term, we will be focusing on settling in team activities and then after half term we will move on to gymnastic fundamentals.

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 is [seahorses@fishbourneprimary.co.uk](mailto:seahorses@fishbourneprimary.co.uk). We will check this once daily Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm. If you have any last-minute information, such as a change in which adult is picking up your child, please call the office as well, as we may not see your email until the end of the day.

### Important Dates

- Autumnal Stay and Play Session - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2.45pm  
This is an opportunity for you to pop into class and enjoy spending time playing and crafting with your child.
- Six weeks in Meeting - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm
- Christmas Stay and Play Session - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 9am
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Many thanks for your support. Any questions or worries please come and see us.

Becca Goodman and Tessa Allen