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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a lovely Christmas!

We would like to say thank you so much for our gifts, they were lovely and very much appreciated.

We are all looking forward to the spring term, we have had such a wonderful time planning our new Drawing Club adventures and Whole School Learning Experiences for our lovely Seahorses and cannot wait to get started!

Drawing Club and Whole School Learning Experiences

Here is an overview of what is to come during the spring term! As always, we are not giving too much away as there may be some surprises in store, including a potential trip linked to our learning about Spring!

As well as following the children's interests, we will be continuing to use 'Drawing Club' to spark Seahorses love for stories, help them to learn new vocabulary and encourage the children to develop their oracy and writing skills. We will be starting our learning this term by joining the whole school and finding out about 'Keeping Healthy'!

<p>Whole School PSHCE Learning Experience. <u>All About Teeth</u></p>  <p>Why do we clean our teeth?</p>	<p>Seahorses are going to be hooked into this learning experience about 'Keeping Healthy' with an assembly by Mrs Williams. Our focus will be learning the importance of keeping our teeth healthy and how to brush them correctly.</p>
<p>Our Drawing Club adventures this term will include...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Frost by Kazuno Kohara • The Magic Round-a-bout • We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen • Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers • The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr • That's Not My Hat by Jon Klassen • The Magic Porridge Pot • Room on a broom by Julia Donaldson
<p>RE - The Easter Story</p> 	<p>We will be following the School's RE curriculum and exploring the question - Why do Christians put a cross in the Easter Garden?</p>



We are continuing to learn our new sounds in Phonics. This half term we will start learning all about digraphs, these are two letters that make one sound, such as 'sh', 'ch', 'th' and 'ng'. We will also be revisiting the sounds which we learnt last term to check that these are embedded. This term, we will have lots of opportunities to practise blending sounds for reading and segmenting sounds for writing. On Mondays, Mrs Allen will continue to work on the 'High Frequency Words' with the children. These are words that do not follow the 'code' that we have learnt so far such as 'was' and 'so'. We will continue to send home new words for your child's keyring at the beginning of each week and the sounds that they have been learning in Phonics every Friday.

Thank you so much for your continued support over the Autumn term reading with your child. Whether they have read at school that day or not, listening to them at home is a lovely time to enjoy and celebrate their amazing progress. Keep enjoying these special reading moments together - they make all the difference!

In Maths, we are continuing our journey of exploring numbers through lots of practical learning, play and the use of manipulatives. We also use our trusty friends, the Numberblocks to help support our learning. This term we will continue working on embedding our composition of numbers to 5 and knowing the pairs that make the same total (3+1, 2+2, 1+3, 0+4). We will then begin to work on our composition of numbers to 10.

Useful Information

Library Books

We visit our library and change our library books every Friday. When your child wants to change their library book, please make sure that it is in their book bag at the end of the week.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle at school **every day** and that it is only filled with water. We are going to have a collective New Year's Resolution in Seahorse Class to all drink more water as lots of children, and adults, are not drinking enough water every day!

Show and Tell

As we approached the end of the Autumn term, we were becoming inundated with the children's toys, teddies, jewellery and lots of other wonderful items! As much as we love seeing these, we worry about them getting lost or broken. This half term our Show and Tell/Interest Time will be on a **Friday**, please make sure your child is not bringing anything extra into school on any other day.

Seesaw

We will continue to upload pictures and tell you what the children have been up to via Seesaw every Friday. We love to see what they have been getting up to at home too, this can also be shared during Show and Tell time if they wish.

PE

Our PE sessions will be on Monday and Thursday. Please make sure that all clothes and shoes are labelled and that PE bags are in school. During the Spring term we will be focusing on the fundamentals of gymnastics and begin to use mats and other pieces of apparatus. After half term, we will then move onto multi-skills.

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. We will check this once daily Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm. If you have any last-minute information, such as a change to which adult is picking up your child, please call or email the office as well, as we may not see your email until the end of the day.

We are looking forward to another lovely term together!

Becca Goodman and Tessa Allen