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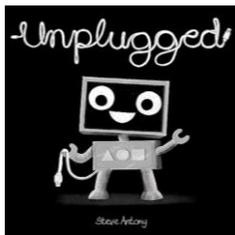
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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! First of all, a HUGE thank you for our cards, presents and kind wishes for Christmas. We hope you had a great Christmas break and are now raring to go into another busy term. It has been lovely to be back in the classroom with the class and to see how happy they are to be there and learning together again.

This term Lucy Goman joins our teaching team. She is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at Chichester University who will be spending 10 weeks supporting and teaching Shark class.

## Our Learning Experiences



We have some super learning experiences planned for this next term. Hopefully your children have told you all about our first week's whole school PSHCE learning experience. We have been using a book called 'Unplugged' by Steve Antony to think through how important sunshine, fresh air, exercise, sleep and rest are for our bodies. The children came up with lots of 'unplugged' activities they enjoy or would like to try so please do ask them about it.

Next week we begin to find out about Florence Nightingale and how hospitals and nursing differ from that time to today. We will be visiting Fort Nelson to deepen our understanding of this time period and using this information in our end goal letter from Florence explaining all the changes which she made to improve health and hygiene.

Our RE focus for the end of the half term is Judaism. We will be looking at Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, when they focus on saying sorry and making a new start.

After half term, we will be finding out all about the Great Fire of London and asking questions to find out: When in history this took place? Where and how it started? Who it affected? We will be using the diaries of Samuel Pepys to explore this period of history and inspire our own diary writing.

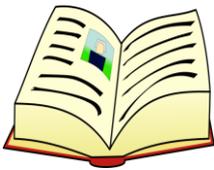


Following on from this we will be investigating Living Things in Science. Our aim is to be able to identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. We have a trip to Queen Elizabeth Country Park booked in so we can practically explore some of these different habitats.

## Assessments

All classes from Year 2-6 take part in some reading and maths assessment tests just before the February half term and summer half term. These are used to help us plan for their next steps in learning and inform what we pass on to you in their written reports just before Easter. As our class have not experienced these before we are including similar style questions and activities in our lessons over the coming weeks.

We want to keep these assessments as low key as possible so that the children don't become anxious or worried. As much as is possible, they will complete them in small groups with an adult to support where allowed.



**Reading** We know that holidays are busy and we all fall out of routines however can we encourage you to get back into the habit of listening to your child read at home every day for at least 10 minutes. To help prepare them for their reading paper can we please ask you to begin to increase the amount that they read each day. In the test there is quite a lot of text for them to read in a short period of time and so they need to increase their stamina and ability to read larger amounts of text.

**Homework** - Continues to be handed out on **Thursdays** and due in the following **Tuesday**.

Please do support and engage in this home learning with your child. We do not expect them to be able to do it entirely independently.

**PE** - Our days continue to be **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

Just a reminder that the children need to come to school in their PE kits every Wednesday morning with their school uniform and shoes in their PE bag. We do change back into school uniform so it is essential they have theirs in school. Please can you ensure that they are wearing the school PE t-shirt and then a pair of tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a hoodie or school jumper. They will also need their PE shorts in their PE bag in case it is wet and we move inside. Please do ensure that everything is named.

## Essentials

Please ensure that each day your child always has a water bottle and 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.

## A plea!

Please name everything! Can we ask that in particular all jumpers and coats are named? Our coat area is a very small space! Once PE kits are on pegs, only additional coats and small bags can fit. Please carefully consider if your child needs anything else as space is very limited.

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](mailto: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, 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