

Fishbourne C E Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! A very warm welcome back to the spring term. I hope you had a restful break and are ready for the term ahead. The spring term is a very exciting one and we have lots to do! High levels of attendance is important, so please do ensure your child is in school every day and that they are on time.

This letter will outline what we will be learning. If you have any questions, please do drop me an email.

Emergency First Aid

First aid training is a life-saving skill that everyone should learn! At Fishbourne Primary School we recognise the importance of equipping each other with first aid knowledge, giving us the ability to respond confidently in emergencies.

To support our learning, we will be working with St John Ambulance and their volunteers. Our writing end goal will be: A Pocket First Aid Guide. Our key teaching points will be to learn: How to call for help, basic life support – CPR, how to manage burns, how to manage bleeding, how to manage choking and how to manage allergic reactions. Our end goal will be to create a pocket guide to first aid. Please do support your child in knowing their postcode, address and phone number. Show your child your working smoke detractors and the location of a first aid kit etc.



World War Two

This learning experience aims to help children understand the causes, key events, and consequences of the war, as well as the impact it had on people's lives both at home and abroad. Key areas of learning will include: The causes of World War II and the countries involved, life on the Home Front, including rationing, evacuation, and the role of women, major battles and

events, such as the Blitz, D-Day, and the Holocaust, personal stories and experiences of people during the war.

Our hook into learning will be a visit to **Chichester New Park Cinema on Thursday 15th January**. Please remember to drop off your child at 8:20am that morning. We will walk back to school afterwards.



Through a combination of class discussions, source analysis, and **a visit to Fort Nelson on Thursday 22nd January**, the children will develop a deeper understanding of history and empathy for those who lived through this challenging time. This learning experience also encourages critical thinking and the ability to ask meaningful questions about the past! We encourage you to discuss this topic at home and explore additional resources together, such as books, documentaries, or visits to local museums. Our end goal will be to create an information page.

Please note we will travel to Fort Nelson by coach.

Author Visit

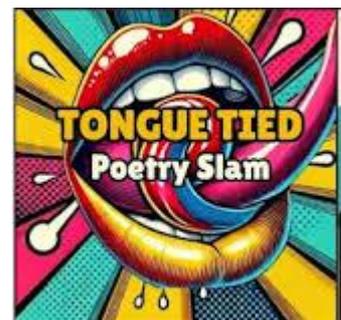
On Monday 19th January, Jenny McLachlan will be visiting Fishbourne to talk about her life as an author. We hope that visits such as these help to inspire children to try new books and so Jenny is offering a discount to purchase her books which she will sign on the day. Please look out for details of how to pay if you would like any copies for your child to enjoy at home.



Tongue Tied – Poetry Slam

As part of our joint partnership with the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership schools, we will be coming together for a joint project called Tongue Tied. This will be an opportunity to hear some incredible local poets and then write poetry of our own. **Our hook will be on Tuesday 27th January. We will need children to be in school by 8:15am on this day as we will be walking to Bishop Luffa School.**

In class, we are reading *The Final Year* and *The First Year* which are both written in verse. These books are providing huge inspiration for the children to write poetry about their own lives and topics which inspire them.





The end goal will be for us to perform poetry to our class, other schools, or on stage at Bishop Luffa as part of a shared event. Please do ask your child about this experience. Further details will follow on our end goal.

After Half Term

Francis – Narrative Writing

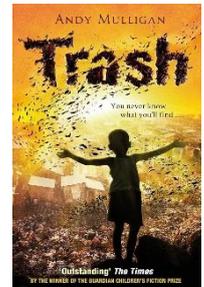
This writing leaning experience will explore the exciting genre of spooky stories. The children will be learning how to write short, engaging stories that capture a chilling atmosphere while developing their creative writing skills. Our focus will include: building suspense and tension through descriptive language and pacing, creating believable characters who draw the reader into the story, using setting effectively to create a spooky or eerie mood,



structuring a short story with a clear beginning, build-up, climax, and resolution and editing and improving their writing by focusing on vocabulary, grammar, and sentence variety. Our end goal will be to create a short story based on an animation called Francis.

Trash!

A highlight of the school year is always the Year 6 Trashion Show! Our exciting end goal results from our learning about the dark world of fast fashion and its impact on the environment. Our key texts to support our learning will be Trash by Steve Cole and Stitched Up also by Steve Cole. We will use the non-fiction text Climate Action: The future is in our hands by Georgina Stevens. We will also read a collection of speeches and poetry. This experience is Geography based and ensures the children recap their map skills whilst developing an understanding of globalisation and sustainability. Our writing end goal will be a speech! Parts of this speech will be read aloud at the Trashion Show – dates to follow. Our hook will be another visit to The New Park Centre – details to follow.



Dance House

We will soon be working alongside Theatre Inc Dance Company to create a piece of Dance to showcase at Worthing Theatre on the night of **MONDAY 9th MARCH 2026. Tickets go on sale on the 31st January.** Theatre Inc are a group of professional dancers who all have learning difficulties. We have worked with, and learned from, the super talents of the team for many years now and we know the Hippos will love the experience of dancing on stage.

This is a super evening and we very much hope you enjoy watching the show! Please ensure the children have clean costumes (details to follow) brought into school on the Monday morning ready for the dress rehearsal during the day. Please remember to make sure costumes are neat and tidy ready for the evening performance. Details on hair and makeup will follow soon!

The schedule for the 9th March is as follows.

Arrive at school as normal for your school day. Please ensure you have a packed lunch.

9:30am - Depart Fishbourne by coach

10:30am - Arrive at Worthing Pavilion Theatre for rehearsal session

1pm - Depart the theatre and come back to school.

5.45 pm - Teachers arrive at the theatre ready to greet their children

6.00 pm - Children arrive at the theatre with their guests (please make your own travel arrangements)

7.00 pm - Performance commences

8.45 pm - Approximate time performance ends

A reminder that tickets are on sale from The Pavilion Theatre, Worthing from the 31st January <https://wtm.uk/whatson/?genre=live>.

Assessment Week

During this half term, we will be reflecting on our learning in Year 6 and writing these reflections, which will form part of our school reports. During this week, we will also be sitting Reading, Maths and Grammar papers as part of our preparations for assessments in May. Being familiar with these assessments will help us to gain confidence and identify any areas of support needed. Further details about Standardised Attainment Tests (SATs), which take place in May, will follow soon however the key dates are: **Monday, May 11th to Thursday, May 14th, 2026.**



Homework

Thank you for your excellent commitment to homework! I have been impressed with the children's dedication to this. Adopting good routines now will help your child prepare for Year 7. Having a good attitude to self-study and developing a routine in a quiet space will ensure your child has a smooth transition into KS3. Revising taught concepts, through the given homework tasks, is important and will ensure your child retains new knowledge.

Looking Ahead!

Design Technology – The Goblin Kit Car

We are looking for some generous sponsorship so that we can enter TWO goblin kit cars this year to race at the Goodwood track this summer. Do you work for a company who may be willing to sponsor us? We can then provide advertising opportunities to thank you! Please do get in touch with Kate Sheldon, our school business manager, who would love to hear from you.



Please do get in touch if you have any worries or concerns.

Very best wishes

Catherine Williams