

Fishbourne C E Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and New Year, and were able to enjoy a well-deserved break. In Crocodile Class, we are very much looking forward to a fun-filled spring term with lots of exciting learning ahead.

Learning Experiences

This term we will continue to enjoy a range of engaging Learning Experiences designed to inspire independence and a love of learning. Each experience includes an exciting hook, a clear end goal, and a series of carefully planned steps, some of which are personalised to meet your child's individual needs. Below is an overview of what we will be covering this term.

Wise About My Body

As part of our whole-school PSHCE Learning Experience, Crocodile Class will be learning the basics of first aid, including how to treat cuts, choking, burns and scalds. The children will also take part in a workshop led by St John Ambulance, where they will learn CPR and how to respond to severe bleeding.

Space

In this science-based Learning Experience, we will be exploring the solar system, learning about the movement of the planets and their position in relation to the Sun. Our end goal is for the children to describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth, and to explain day and night by understanding the Earth's rotation and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.

Author Visit

We are very lucky that author Jenny McLachlan will be visiting Fishbourne on Monday 19th January to share her experiences of life as a writer. Author visits like this play an important role in encouraging children to discover and enjoy new books. As part of her visit, Jenny will be offering her books at a discounted rate and will be signing copies on the day. These are available to purchase on Arbor.

Tongue Tied

As part of our partnership with the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership schools, we are excited to be taking part in a fun joint project called Tongue Tied. This project will give us the chance to listen to some amazing local poets and then have a go at writing our own poems.

Our poems will be inspired by our Space Learning Experience and we will be writing about the moon and the night sky. The Hook will take place on **Tuesday 27th January**. On this day, children will need to be in school by **8:15am**, as we will be walking together to Bishop Luffa School.

William Morris Printing

During this Art Learning Experience, we will be studying the work of the artist William Morris. The children will develop their sketching skills by observing and drawing natural forms, inspired by Morris's distinctive designs. Our end goal will be to design and create a lino print influenced by his work.

The Ring of Fire

This geography-based Learning Experience focuses on the locations of the world's major mountain ranges and volcanoes, and how tectonic plates shape our planet. The children will learn about physical geography before writing an explanation text about how mountains and volcanoes are formed. They will also research a specific mountain or volcano as a detailed case study.

Kensuke's Kingdom

Our narrative Learning Experience is inspired by Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom*. The children will be reading the novel and watching the animated film adaptation. Our writing focus will include describing settings in detail and effectively integrating dialogue into their own stories.

Reading

Please ensure your child reads at home every day and brings their reading book into school. This term, our Book Talk sessions will focus on developing inference skills through a range of whole-class texts, non-fiction comprehensions and poetry.

At the start of the spring term, we also have an exciting opportunity to attend a poetry performance with our partnership primary schools at Bishop Luffa. Following this, the children will work together to create their own poetry inspired by this fantastic experience.

It is really important that children continue to develop independence in choosing their own reading books as the year progresses. The children visit our school library weekly. You may also find the following websites helpful when exploring books together at home:

- LoveReading4Kids
- School Reading List (Year 5)
- Books for Topics – Year 5

Maths

We will begin the spring term by continuing our work on number, focusing on multiplication and division, including multiplying four-digit numbers by two-digit numbers and division with remainders. We will then move on to linking fractions with decimals and percentages, before studying perimeter, area and statistics.

Please continue to encourage regular practice on TT Rockstars, as instant recall of times tables is vital in Year 5.

Home Learning

It has been wonderful to see the pride and effort the children have put into their homework—thank you for your continued support. We will continue with our weekly home learning tasks, which include a grammar activity, a maths task and spellings. Regular TT Rockstars practice is also expected.

PE

PE lessons this term will focus on gymnastics and badminton until half term, followed by football and tag rugby. On days when PE is not scheduled, the children will take part in the Daily Mile. Please ensure PE kits are in school from Monday and taken home for washing on Friday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via the class email at Crocodiles@fishbourneprimary.co.uk or by leaving a message with the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs E Woolnough