

# Fishbourne C E Primary School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you all had a really lovely Easter and enjoyed some time together.

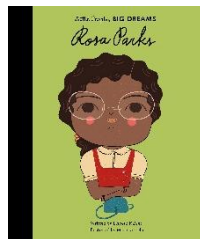
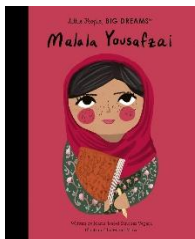
This letter will hopefully give you a taste of our learning for the summer term! We have lots of exciting learning opportunities coming up.



## Dear Earth



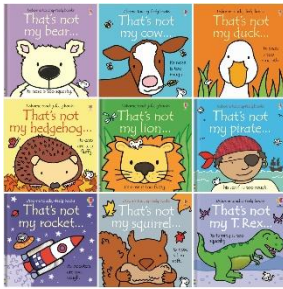
Our first learning experience is themed around Earth Day. This will also be our first shared learning experience with the other primary schools in the Bishop Luffa Partnership! We will be visiting Bishop Palace Gardens with Rumboldswyke as a hook into our learning. We will then be working towards writing a prayer to say thank you for the wonders of our world.



## Being Brave

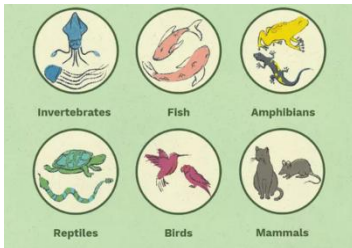
Our first historical learning experience will teach the children about the lives of significant individuals who have contributed to international achievements and who have made the world a better place to be. We are going to learn about and compare Rosa Parks

and Malala Yousafzai. We will learn about why they were brave and the difference they made. The children will choose to write a letter to either Malala or Rosa to thank them for standing up for what they believed in.



### That's Not My...

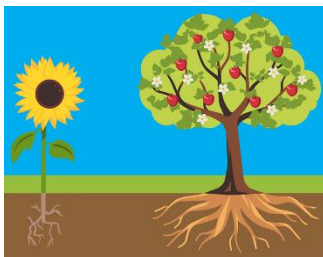
This learning experience will continue the children's understanding of using adjectives and conjunctions in their writing. They will create their own 'That's Not My...' story with a character of their choice!



### Furry, Scaled and Feathered

This will be our first science learning experience for the summer term and is part of our whole school learning experience. The children will be learning about lots of different animals and how to classify and compare them.

We will then visit Marwell Zoo to see if we can put our learning into practice! Our end goal will be a contribution to the Science Fair at the Summer Fete!



### Roots, Shoots and Leaves

For this learning experience, the children will learn about identifying plants, wild flowers and evergreen trees and they will be able to talk about the structure of plants and trees. We will hopefully be able to watch our own sunflowers grow! Our end goal will be a letter written to the boy from

'The Little Gardener' book. We will give him some advice on how to look after the plants in his garden!



### Spring turns into Summer

Our final learning experience for Year One will be called Spring turns into Summer. Throughout the year we will have learnt about and looked at each of the four seasons. The children will be able to describe the changes that happen in summer and they will create their own information poster.

### Reading

Thank you so much for all your support with reading at home! All of the children have made heaps of progress with their reading so far in Year One but please do continue listening to your child read every day. The children thrive when they have

had lots of opportunities to read their book multiple times. We will continue to change the books on a Friday.

Reading will continue to take place in small reading groups, four times a week with an adult. This model has had a really positive impact on all of the children's fluency and confidence with reading. This term we will have a bigger focus on continuing developing the children's comprehension. We will still be hearing children who need more support with their reading as daily readers.

### Phonics Screening Check

This term we will have the Phonics Screening Check which will take place in June.

The check contains 40 words which are a mix of real and alien words. The alien words are phonically decodable but are not real words with meaning. This assesses whether your child can decode a word using their phonic skills.

The children won't know they are doing the check and there won't be any pressure put onto the children. They will take it in turns to read through the 40 words with me, outside of the classroom.

To help your child prepare for the check, please continue to go through the alien word sheet that comes home in their bookbags each week. Please also encourage them to sound out unfamiliar words in their reading book.

If you have any questions about the Phonics Screening Check, please don't hesitate to pop in for a chat!

### Reminders

We will continue to have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. It would be super if PE kit could be in for the whole week, just in case we have to change days due to weather conditions!

We have had a lot of jumpers, school uniform and PE kit with no names in. Please could I ask you to make sure all of their uniform is clearly named.

Please could I also ask that the children don't bring in any toys, teddies, jewellery, lip balm etc. We are having lots of children getting upset when things go missing. I would also really appreciate it if the children only have one keyring on their book bag. Lots of their book bags aren't fitting into their trays and we are having keyrings being swapped which causes lots of problems!

Thank you so much for all of the support you give your child!

We have a very busy and exciting term ahead! If you have any questions or concerns, please do use the class email which is [pufferfish@fishbourneprimary.co.uk](mailto:pufferfish@fishbourneprimary.co.uk)

Best wishes,

Miss Megan Grant