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WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to Year One!

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are very much looking forward to the new school year. I am super excited for the next few weeks, spending time getting to know your lovely children.

In Year One we will have Mrs Trow working with us every morning and Mrs Hack working with us in the afternoons. On either a Thursday morning or afternoon, the children will be taught by Mrs White and Mr Servant. Over the school year, they will be teaching the children French, music, RE and computing. We will also have Emily in class on a Monday and Tuesday who is a student from Chichester College.

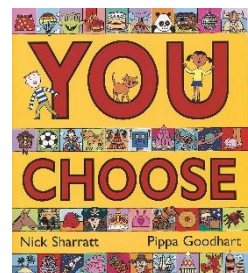
This letter will give you a taste of our learning for the autumn term! If you have any questions or concerns please remember that you are welcome to email me or pop in after school for a chat.

Our Learning

Each learning experience will always start with a hook to capture your child's interest and get them excited about their learning! They will then finish each learning experience with an end goal. The steps towards their end goal are carefully planned and personalised to enable your child to make fantastic progress.

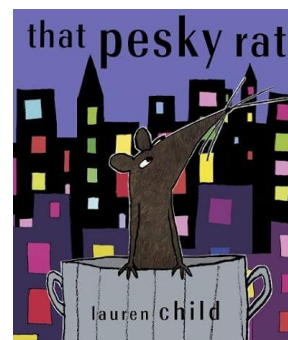
You Choose!

Our first two weeks are being spent getting to know one another, establishing routines and expectations and learning about each other. We are doing lots of learning based on the book 'You Choose!' This book allows for the children to express their choices about different themes which will be a lovely way to get to know them. They will be doing lots of practical and engaging activities as well as getting back into writing some beautiful sentences.



That Pesky Rat

This learning experience will be shared across the KS1 classes and together we will enjoy a performance of 'That Pesky Rat' by The Chichester Festival Theatre! That Pesky Rat is a story about a street rat who doesn't have a name other than 'That Pesky Rat'. He dreams of belonging to somebody, having a home and having a name. The children will gently begin to explore homelessness and the meaning of truly belonging. They will learn about how we can help people who are homeless and we will have a collection to donate to StonePillow in Chichester.



Autumn has arrived

This learning experience will encourage the children to start to think about seasonal change and how Summer compares to Autumn. They will learn about the signs of Autumn and the weather Autumn brings. The children will also have lots of opportunities to be creative! We will be mark making, printing, collaging and painting. Their end goals will be a piece of Autumnal art with descriptive writing.



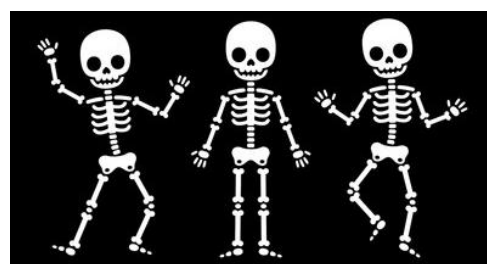
What does it mean to be Jewish?

Mrs White will be teaching the children RE every week on a Thursday but we will also have a few RE learning experiences throughout the year too. Our first will be an introduction to Judaism.



Busy Bodies!

Our next science learning experience is called Busy Bodies! We will be immersed into learning about the different parts of the body and investigating the senses. The children will finish this learning experience being able to label the body and recall lots of scientific facts. Their end goal will involve them in making a decision about which of the five senses they think is most important and explaining why.



Wonderful Weather

The children's first introduction to geography in Year One will be a learning experience all about weather! They will learn about the weather we experience in the UK before learning about the hot and cold areas of



the world. For our end goal, the children will decide and justify whether they would like to stay in the UK, live in a cold country or live in a hot country.

It's time for Christmas!

Our final learning experience for the Autumn term will be based around Christmas. The children will begin to think about the different emotions that are felt at Christmas time before thinking of ways to bring joy to our community. The children will be hosting the Christmas Tea Party for members of our local community during this time and we will be writing a letter to someone attending the Tea Party for our end goal. Mrs White will also be immersing the children into the Nativity story and why it's so important to Christians.



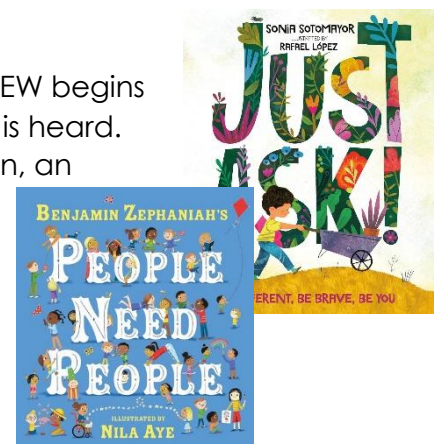
Reading

Your child will bring home a new reading book every Friday. It is so important that you hear your child read every day. Your support and engagement with reading will make a huge difference to your child's progress and confidence. Their reading books will be aligned with sounds that they are yet to master. Once they can recognise the sound and fluently read words with the sound in, they will then move onto books with their next focus sound. They will be learning lots of new sounds in Year One so it is really important that they have time to practice. Please do make sure that your child brings their book bag with their reading book and reading log into school every day. Please use the reading logs to record their daily reading. It's always really helpful to note down if they have struggled with recognising a sound or a word, as well as recording when they have done a super job!



CREW

Each morning we will have a CREW session to start our day. CREW begins by us all circling up and checking in so that everybody's voice is heard. The children then have an opportunity to share an appreciation, an apology or make a stand before then moving onto the CREW curriculum. Our first block in Year One is called 'Who is in my CREW?' which use the books 'Just Ask!' and 'People Need People'. These books will help the children think about the way in which we need one another and the ways in which we are all so different. So far, CREW has been a lovely way to get to know all of your children and hear their voices.



PE

We will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon with Curtis! Please could all PE kit be named. It would be super if PE kit could be in school for the whole week, just in case we have to swap days! On cooler days, the children can wear a jumper and tracksuit bottoms.

The children will also need a pair of wellies as the weather changes!

Home Learning

The activities set for home learning will always be re-cap of what we have learnt at school. This will include;

- A phonics sheet to recap the sounds we have learnt during the week.
- The children will have a tricky word keyring. Each week the children will learn a new tricky word and this word will be added onto their keyring. Please do go through their keyring at home to help them practice.
- Every two weeks there will be a maths activity to complete in their home learning books.
- Daily reading with your child.

Attendance

Making sure your child is at school every day and on time is really important. Even occasional absences can make it really difficult for children to keep up with their learning. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time. They should arrive through the gate by 8:45.

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 seahorses@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

Best wishes,

Miss Megan Grant