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Dear Parents,

We hope you had a fabulous summer and we would like to warmly welcome you to Year 2.



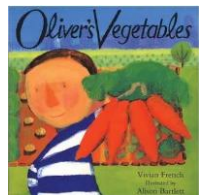
The Pufferfish Team

Mrs Rinaldi and Mrs Treagust are the Pufferfish class teachers this year, with Mrs Hack supporting us in the mornings and Mrs Ball in the afternoons. Mrs Rinaldi will be in from Monday to Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs Treagust taking over from Wednesday afternoon until the end of the week. We are really looking forward to working closely together on all aspects of Pufferfish class learning.

Our Learning Experiences

We started off the year by using the Elmer books to look at one of our PSHCE topics - friendship. This focused in particular on how to make friends, be a good friend and how to resolve arguments that may occur.

We have just begun a science learning experience called 'Healthy Me'. We are finding out about the basic needs of animals for survival. We will investigate the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. This will be linked to our DT where the children will have to think about choosing the right things to make healthy smoothies. Our end goal will be to write a set of instructions for how to make a smoothie.



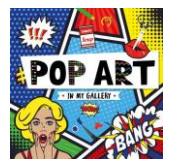
Following this we have a visit from Chichester Festival Theatre with a performance of 'That Pesky Rat'. We will be looking at some of the issues raised in this story and writing a persuasive advert to find a pet a lifelong home.

We end this half term with a whole school writing learning experience looking at the book 'Return'.



In the second half of the term, we will move onto a geography learning journey where we will be finding out about Africa and in particular Kenya. The focus will be on the human and physical features of the country including Kenyan wildlife, landscapes and culture. As part of our desire to make the world a better place we will be raising money to support a charity that provides school dinners in rural Kenya.

We will then be spending some time looking at various Pop Artists and how they create portraits.



Our final weeks of term will also be filled with plans and rehearsals for the nativity, a trip to the theatre to see 'Dear Santa' and an RE learning experience developing our understanding of the nativity.



Rewards

Children thrive from positive praise, and in Pufferfish class hard work is celebrated! We recognise this by using a system called '**Class Dojo**' which rewards children for their positive learning behaviours. Each child has an allocated 'Dojo Monster' and they collect points daily. We then display the 'Dojo of the Day' on our rewards board. We also celebrate those children who go above and beyond linked to our school behaviour ethos 'Ready, Respectful, Safe.'



Reading regularly is vital to the children's progress. It is essential that you listen to your child read at home every day for about 10 minutes. Please record in their reading log book that they have read to you, which page you read to and if you have finished the book as this makes it easier to know where to start when listening in school. Your children will usually be given 2 books for the week. Please read these several times to develop fluency and comprehension using the reading guide provided at the parent meeting. We will send one home for those who couldn't make it.

Homework – This will be handed out on **Thursdays** and is due in the following **Wednesday** each week. Work will come home in a book where any tasks should also be completed. A copy will be posted on Seesaw for reference, but we would like you to complete it in the books and return them to school to be looked at by a teacher. It is really important that you engage in this home learning with your child and not leave them to do it entirely independently. It will include: Weekly phonics sounds to practice, high frequency/common exception words to learn to read and spell and grammar activities and maths tasks related to the learning that week.

PE – Will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please can the children come to school on Wednesdays in their PE kits but with school uniform and shoes in their bag to change into as their PE kits will stay in school for Friday's lesson. Please ensure that each item in the PE kit is named and correct. Clothes should be in line with the school uniform policy which can be found on our website. As autumn begins to hit us, please can you add a plain coloured pair of tracksuit bottoms or leggings and a plain coloured hoodie as they will be outside even if it is cold or damp.

Crew–Each morning we will begin our day with Crew. This is a time when we 'circle up' together to check in, appreciate, apologise and make a stand as well as exploring themes such as Habits of Character, The Environment and Making the World a Better Place to be. We place such value on this time and believe it is a super way to start our day. Please make sure your child is in school promptly at 8.40 ready to start the day at 8.45. Attendance is crucial to your child's development so please make sure your child has had a healthy breakfast and is in school every day. If your child is poorly, please send a message to the office for each day that they will be absent.

Essentials

Please ensure that each day your child always has 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. For the first few weeks we will be focusing on hearing your child read individually in order to make sure they have the correct books for their enjoyment and ability. A school water bottle should also be provided each day. Please do not place these in the book bags as they have a tendency to leak on the books! Following this we will move onto group reading and will provide information on this when we start!

A plea!

Please name everything! We will try our very best to look after belongings but named items really help. Please check if names have faded on jumpers, coats, wellies, water bottles, book bags, PE bags and all kit as often they are hard to distinguish. Our coat area is a very small space! Once PE kits are on pegs, only additional coats and small bags can fit. Please discourage your child from bringing in anything unessential.

Toys, key rings, teddies, rubber collections, fiddle toys etc. are not allowed in school unless specifically allocated or asked for by the teacher. Your child does not need a pencil case of their own.

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: pufferfish@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, such as a change in which adult is picking up your child, 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