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Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to Year 2! As your child's new Class Teacher I would like to extend a very warm welcome (even if it is mostly from a distance at the moment) and let you know how excited I am to get to know and work with all of your children. I am so pleased to be embarking on my new journey working at Fishbourne Primary, I have recently relocated from Surrey to live in the area.

I am sure there are a variety of feelings floating around among us all at the moment, I would like to start by reassuring you that looking after your children's best interests is my top priority. Please do contact me on the class email whenever you need. In normal circumstances I am sure we would see far more of each other and be able to have those quick catch ups we all use, but, unfortunately this is not the case at the moment. Please do use the 'cuppa and catch up' dates provided for a virtual meeting with me. Please note that I will look at emails every day and will respond to these during the hours of 8am and 5pm. Communication is vital and I am sure we all want to remain feeling as connected as we are used to, possibly even more so at the moment. We will continue to use the Seesaw app/programme for this, everything should remain the same as during our 'home learning' time. This platform will be used for quick and easy messages to be sent out, along with weekly homework.

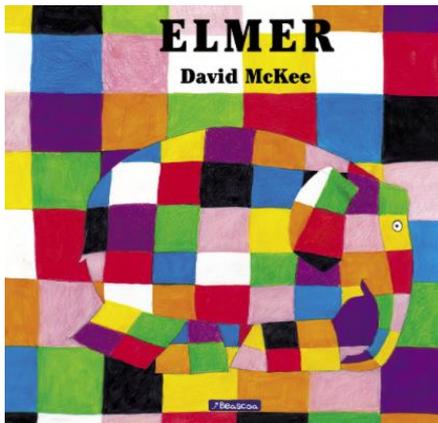
Elephants are already working hard and showing me everything they can do, support at home is going to be hugely important to help us achieve our full potential.

Below is a summary of the learning we will cover in the Autumn Term.

Getting to know me

We are beginning with a PSHE related Learning Experience which will allow me the opportunity to build a relationship with everyone in Elephant Class. We are using the book 'Elmer' as our hook for this Experience. When I met the children in July we explored this book a little and completed some activities on this, we are now carrying on and using the book to help us identify what is great about having our own personalities and interests. We

will also use the book to help us think about positive relationships and being a good friend. I love to focus on the positive and so, whenever discussing 'the right thing to do' we will always use wording such as 'we/I always will' or 'a good friend is' rather than the negative connotations.



Whole Class Text

As often as possible we will be engaging in reading, this is a vital skill and one that we are passionate about at Fishbourne. The children will be listening to many high level texts to expand their vocabulary and reading knowledge. I can't stress enough how beneficial it is to read and share texts daily, even 5 minutes can make all the difference.

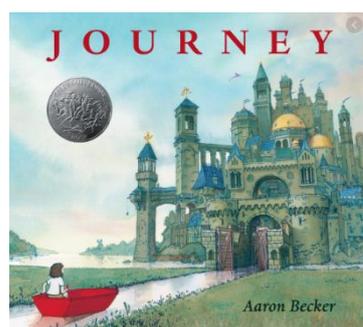
Sensational Safari

Our second Learning Experience will involve learning all about Kenya. From animals and wildlife to landscapes and culture where we are sure to discover a place very unlike the area in which we all live. We look forward to exploring the similarities and differences between them!



Journey by Aaron Becker

Taking us up to half term will be this incredible wordless picture book! The whole school will be heading through a little red door into a magical land full of adventure! We will be using drama, music and art to inspire and develop ideas as we write a narrative to accompany the story.



2) Homework

Homework will be set from Week 2 on Seesaw. This will consist of spellings, mental maths/times tables and a written task or comprehension. Some tasks will be purely completed on Seesaw and others will need to be in our Home Learning books. These will be sent home when relevant and need to be returned by Thursday of each week.

3) Classroom bits

Please ensure you have a pencil case in school with the following items:

- Writing pencils
- Colouring pencils
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler (10cm is fine)

If you have additional items this is perfectly fine but the above are what is most useful on a day to day basis.

Please also have a named water bottle in school daily.

As a team we will navigate our way through these times, it is different to what we are used to but we will adapt and persevere!

Please do get in touch via email to myself or the office if you have any concerns. A reminder of those emails: office@fishbourneprimary.co.uk
elephants@fishbourneprimary.co.uk

With warm regards

Miss Gabriella Axelsen and Mrs Anita Ball
Year 2