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Dear Parents,

It is WONDERFUL to be able to write to you and very warmly welcome you back to school and to the start of a new term in a new key stage!

I am sure you will be full of very mixed emotions at this time. We know that every child would have had a very different experience since March. Please know that we are here to nurture your child and ensure that the return to school life is as smooth as possible.

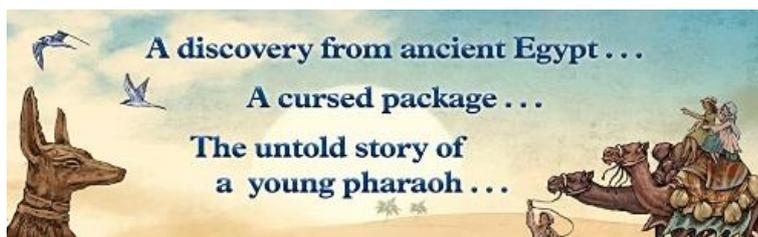
Wellbeing is our top priority.

Communication will be vital and I want you to feel as connected to the classroom as possible whilst not physically being able to be on site. We will work together via Seesaw where you will see what our learning looks like. You will be able to email and you will be able to see your child's learning via the child/adult reflections sent home at the end of every learning experience. Please note that I will look at emails every day and will respond to these during the hours of 8am and 5pm.

I know that your children are incredible learners who are motivated and excited by our experiences. Therefore we will be cracking straight on with our first learning experience, Ancient Egypt!

Ancient Egypt

From the fascinating Pharaohs to the power of the pyramids, join us on a learning experience in Awesome Egypt! Together, we will investigate the men and women who studied the kingdoms of Egypt and explore their discoveries. We will look at some of the Pharaohs and the development of the pyramids, as well as the mythology that permeated Ancient Egypt. We will look at the role the Nile had in allowing this civilisation to flourish and examine daily life, comparing it to our own. Our END GOAL will be to write an Egyptian version of Cinderella using historical facts. So! Are you ready to rumble with Ramesses the Great? Dare you enter through the Gates of the Afterlife? Let's go!

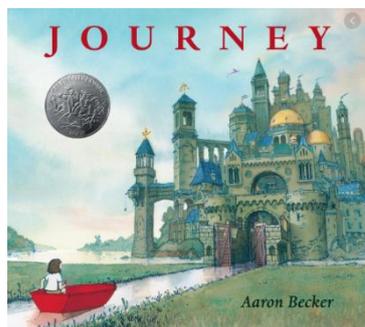


Whole Class Text

Every day we will be reading as a whole class. This will ensure children are challenged but well supported in reading high quality books. I have chosen the wonderful text by Emma Carroll, *Secrets of a Sun King*. Every child will bring home a copy of this story once we have completed it. Thank you to FOFS and Fandango Digital!

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.



Half term will be the week beginning the 26th October.

RE - Who were the Hindu Gods?

With just a 4 day week ahead, we will be immersing ourselves in learning about Hinduism. We will learn about different gods and goddesses by exploring the conventions of Hindu religious art before inventing our own god or goddess.

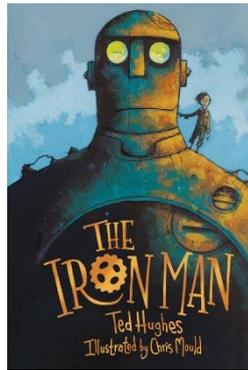
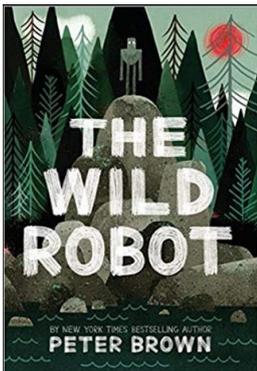
Peace - A whole school learning experience

Further details to follow!

Robots!

We are incredibly lucky to have gained some super computing resources this summer and a new scheme of work written especially for our school. This learning experience will focus on a hands-on learning approach which enables children to experiment and problem solving through coding. It is about creativity and collaboration, motivation and self-direction! Lego will be a vital tool in creating pieces to code! Our science work during this experience will

focus on Magnets! The children will explore, investigate and test during this scrap heap robot challenge! Our key texts during this experience will be *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. Our END GOAL will be to make a robot dog which we will programme to move and to write instructions for building one!



RE - What is the Trinity?

Leading up to the end of the Autumn Term and indeed Christmas, we will have a focused week of learning answering a 'big question'. We will of course be thinking about our community at Christmas time and looking at how we can support others. This will build beautifully from our prior learning about making the world a better place to be, in Year 2. More details to follow.

PE

We are very fortunate to have additional sports coaching this term too from South Coast Sports so please do make sure your child's PE kit is in their rucksack. In addition, the daily mile will take place on non PE days!

PE will be outside to assist in infection control. Please therefore ensure that as the weather changes, your child has a warm tracksuit to wear. We will update you when we know more about swimming lessons next term.



As you can see we have a jam packed term ahead, with a wide and rich curriculum to enjoy. So how can you support us?

1) Daily Reading at Home

We know that children who read daily make significantly more progress than those that do not. Children who LOVE reading, make even more progress! Please support us in helping your child thrive and develop a love of reading by reading with them, to them and alongside them as part of your home routine. Stuck for some ideas? Take a look on Seesaw for some inspiration.

Here is a super article written by Cressida Cowell you may like to read.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/children-reading-pleasure-learning-read-a8666611.html>

2) Homework

Weekly spellings, times tables and tasks will be set each week ON SEESAW. Please log on each week to see what the homework is. If a sheet is needed, this will be sent home on a Monday. Please ensure homework books are in school every MONDAY. Instructions for completing homework are given on Seesaw. Your support in helping your child with their homework is much appreciated and will help us to move your child's learning along.

3) Wellbeing

Being back in a routine may really help many children to settle and feel safe as they return to school. This might take longer for some than for others. We will champion every child to try their best, have a go, make mistakes and feel a valued part of our Fishbourne family. Early nights, lots of fresh air and time to talk are probably the key ingredients to consider as we start a new chapter this term. We will be working a lot on reconnecting, deepening those roots and building strong connections so that children flourish.

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
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With very best wishes

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