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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer holidays enjoying some much deserved family time over this unprecedented time. I am so looking forward to coming back to school to establish a calm routine with lots of inspirational learning. Over the first few weeks, we will be reflecting on our learning behaviours to help support and nurture the Panthers with their return to school as they move into Year 5.

Learning Experiences

In the autumn term, we have lots of thrilling Learning Experiences to inspire the children to develop their interest in our new wider curriculum aims. Following is a little insight into what each learning experience will be about, I haven't gone into too much detail so as not to spoil the surprise! As usual, all our learning experiences will have a hook and an end goal, together with a series of steps for each learner, some of which are personalised specifically to meet your child's needs. Over this summer, I have been exploring different teaching techniques from the Training Space to help support your children's in their writing and reading over this year. This is based on a modelled writing approach and working with quality texts to develop the children as independent writers and readers.

Getting to Know You

With a PSHCE focus, our first Learning Experience will include an amazing trip to the Christian Youth Enterprise at Chidham where we will be putting into practice our school learning behaviours. This will be an amazing opportunity as we come back together to establish our new ways of working, focusing on how we collaborate and develop our team working skills. We will be learning about our comfort and stretch zones and how to overcome these in our everyday lives.

The Ring of Fire

This is a geography based Learning Experience exploring the locations of the world's mountain ranges and volcanoes, how plate tectonics form our planet as well as the physical geography of the Earth. From this, we will be studying how these areas have been populated by humans and what impacted humans have had on these regions around the world.

The Journey

A whole school Learning Experience - more details to follow.

Flying High

This is a design and technology learning experience with the children studying how kites are made and then creating their own one. From this, they will be evaluating how well they have worked. To engage the class in this exciting learning experience, we will be recording our findings using podcast and video clips to assess our discoveries.

Peace

A whole school Learning Experience - more details to follow.

The Explorer

This Learning Experience is based on the narrative book *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. The children will be studying this exciting adventure book to write their own narrative story playing with sentence structure and word choices.

Properties and Changes of Materials

A science based learning experience studying how materials change. We will be comparing and grouping together everyday materials on the basis of their properties and investigate how some materials dissolve in liquid. For each of our science investigations we will be developing our knowledge by learning to:

- Ask questions and plan enquiry
- Set up enquiry
- Observe and measure
- Record
- Interpret and report
- Evaluate

Using the approach, the children will be able to explain what is occurring around them, predict how things will behave and then analyse the causes.

Reading

Our focus this year is to continue to encourage and develop the Panthers love of reading and a preference for the books and authors they enjoy. As the Panthers move into Year 5, we will be exploring and discussing, how different authors use certain words and what effect the grammar has on the reader. This will help them to develop opinions on how effective an author is which in turn helps them to then be able to use in their own writing.

For reading in the classroom, there will be a mixture of whole class texts that we will exploring in-depth as well as shorter stories and non-fiction texts. Each day we will be reading for half an hour after lunch focusing on different aspects of the reading skills each day. For this to be effective **please** make sure that the green Reading Journal are brought to school **every day** to record your child's experience of reading. This book will be used at school to record their learning so must be present each day.

Please continue to reading at home and record this in their green Reading Journals! I know once your child becomes a confident reader it is easy to let this slip but research shows that to keep reading with your child way beyond the age they can read for themselves helps to develop their vocabulary and confidence as a reader. Even a couple of minutes at the end of each day will make all the difference. A good website to explore different books with your child is:

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/genre/9/9-plus-readers.html>

Maths

In Panther class, we will be starting with place value, followed by addition and subtraction and finally statistics before the half term. After half term, we will move onto multiplication and division followed by measurement including perimeter and area which will take us up to the Christmas holidays. Also, we will be continuing to focus on practicing our **times tables** each week through a variety of games and challenges which can be followed up at home with Times Tables Rock Stars.

Home Learning

Home Learning Journals will be sent home every week on a Thursday and need to be returned by the following Tuesday. This includes the weekly spelling focus and a specific maths challenge or times table for your child to practise. A number of recommended activities and resources will be on a 'take home' sheet for each learning experience. We will still be using Seesaw as a way of sharing resources for your child's home and school learning.

PE

PE for the first term will be football and hockey. They will also participate in the Daily Mile on days when PE is not taking place in our designated area of the field. Please make sure that PE kits are in school on a Monday and taken home for washing on a Friday.

As things have changed for us so much at school, I feel that it is really important for you to be able to still contact me if you need to. I will be checking the class email at panthers@fishbourneprimary.co.uk or do leave a message with the office.

Kind regards

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