



FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

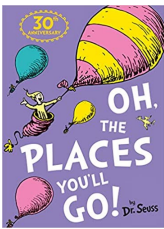


Only one you



Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to all our families this autumn term! It has been just wonderful to see the children arriving each day dressed smartly in their uniforms and full of chatter. School is buzzing with exciting opportunities for learning and we really look forward to an autumn term jam packed with irresistible learning experiences that help your children to re-connect with friends and learning.



Koalas class (Year 4) started their new year with a learning experience called 'Oh the Places You'll Go', focused around overcoming difficulties and being determined to make a difference. The book was a day of games and activities based on solving problems and friendship activities. The end goal was linked to the book of the same title by Dr Seuss. The Koalas made a balloon of advice for making the world a better place for themselves, friends and others. These are displayed on our boards in the classroom.

Panthers Class (Year 5) have started their year by enjoying two very full days at Christian Youth Enterprises. They had a WONDERFUL time and returned with many tales to tell about their adventures! We love visiting CYE because the children's memories of their experiences last a life time! The Panthers used this opportunity to explore their comfort, stretch and panic zones, returning to document these in their recounts! Huge thanks to the amazing team at CYE for their hard work in helping make this visit happen.

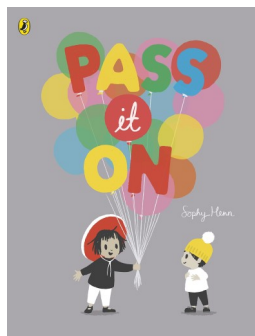


Penguins Class (Year 3) were hooked into the Awesome Egyptians learning experience by learning to mummify oranges! They have already begun devouring their whole class text (so kindly supplied by FOFS and Fandango) 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. They will be using all they have learnt during this experience to write their own Egyptian fairy tales enhanced with new vocabulary and historical knowledge.

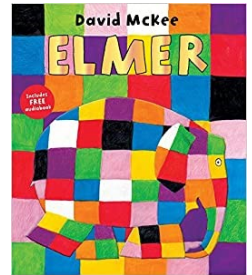
Hippo Class (Year 1) have got stuck into 'Pass it on' which is one of our Patron of Reading, Sophy Henn's, brilliant books:

When you see something terrific, smile a smile and pass it on! The little girl in this bright, happy book embraces the simple act of passing on smiles, laughs, chuckles and whoops to others. A heartwarming and simple message about the power of positivity, this is a lovely book, reassuring that even in lonely times a smile can always help.

Our Hippos are using this story as the inspiration to create their class charter for the rest of the year! We look forward to seeing what it includes - lots of smiles, chuckles and whoops we hope!



Elephants (Year 2) have used the story of Elmer as the inspiration for the children to get to know Miss Axelsen and her them! They have been hard at work creating their own Elmer's and writing 'getting to know you' guides to themselves! It's been lovely to see how quickly the elephants have settled with their new teacher and see them settling back into school life. Well done Elephants!



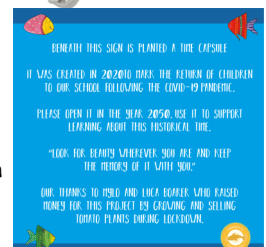
Tigers (Year 6) new learning experience 'Covid Chronicles' has been inspired by the street art that has popped up in response to the pandemic. The Tigers were hooked into their learning with a virtual tour of the Chichester street art festival, including a film of the art being created. They also looked at Covid inspired street art from around the world and listened to a Covid Chronicle from Radio 4's Today Programme.

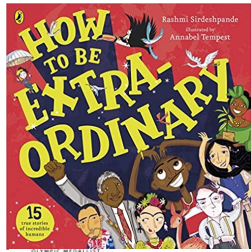
The end goal involved creating their own piece of street art and writing their own Covid Chronicle, some of which were included in the time capsule!

And last, but certainly not least, we have been enjoying welcoming our Crocodiles and their families to school over the last fortnight and what a super little bunch they are! Mrs Harris, Mrs Allen and Mrs Whitaker and I have been enjoying getting to know their smiley faces and been so proud to see how rapidly they have started to settle into our school family. Mrs Whitaker has been busily gathering crocodile themed picture books (it's amazing how many there are!) and it's good to see they are going to enjoy sharing stories as much as the rest of us! **A huge welcome to our Crocodiles and their families. It is really lovely to welcome you to our school family and we look forward to sharing in the first steps of your adventure with us!**



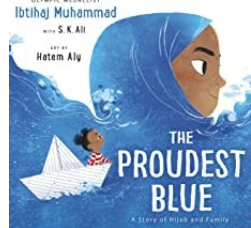
In amongst all this wonderful learning during our first fortnight of the autumn term, we also squeezed in a whole school learning experience for just a day called 'Time Capsule'! We learnt about the Blue Peter time capsules that were planted in 1971, 1994, 1998, 2000 and 2018 providing a window for future generations into what life was like then! We felt it would be timely to put together a time capsule of our own to plant in the grounds of Fishbourne Primary School to be opened in 2050 to support future generations of children to learn about the year 2020 and some of the extraordinary history that we have lived through together this year. In 2050, our current little fish will be aged 34 - 41 years and the staff team somewhat older!! We hope it may be a rather lovely opportunity to remember this time and our current school family again. The time capsule will be planted in the coming weeks - do look out for photos on the school website and in our next newsletter when that time comes!





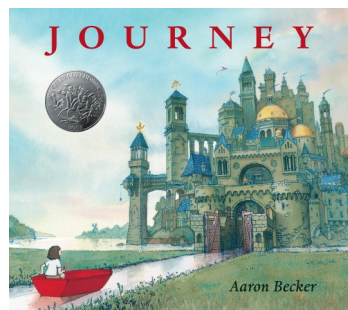
The theme of our collective worship at the moment is courage—being brave enough to stand up for what you believe and in doing so setting out to make the world a better place to be. We are using a super book, 'How to be extraordinary' as well as a number of other picture books to explore these themes. At the moment we are learning about **activists** and so far have bumped into Michelle Obama and Ibtihaj Muhammad, both of whom have set out to raise awareness and in doing so make the world a better place. We have learnt about the Obama family motto:

When they go low, we go high and explored what is meant by this as well as seeing how other people live their lives with similar principles. While we are unable to meet as a whole school, our collective worship time feels really significant—a time when we all come together in our separate classrooms to share a film made by one of the staff



team or our many visitors and reflect on what we have learnt as a result. We look forward to a time when we can go back to meeting as a whole school community again.

At Fishbourne we are extremely lucky to have a very active and supportive governing body who work extremely hard for our school. Please do look out, in future newsletters, for contributions and updates from our governing body.



We are really looking forward to our next whole school learning experience which is coming up in the two weeks before half term, Journey. This experience is inspired by a wordless picture book of the same name!

Follow a girl on an elaborate flight of fancy in a wondrously illustrated, wordless picture book about self-determination -- and unexpected friendship.

We are using this beautiful book to explore modelled writing - a

teaching technique that we really value at Fishbourne. During lockdown our staff team completed some really super professional development which we are now ready to deliver in our classrooms. We are enormously excited about this learning experience and know that the children will gain a huge amount of knowledge and confidence as writers as a result.

We have lots and lots to look forward to this term and look forward to journeying with you all as we enter more uncertainty in the coming weeks and months. Let's finish with the words from Koala class book, 'Oh the Places You'll Go'...

You're off to
GREAT PLACES!
Today is
YOUR DAY!
Your mountain
IS WAITING
So...get on
YOUR WAY!

- DR SEUSS -



Dates for 2020

As with all areas of our lives at the moment, there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding planning events. The dates below are guidelines and may be subject to change!

Fri 25th Sep - Harvest Celebrations
7th October - School photo (smartest uniform and smiley faces!)
Week beginning 12th October - Whole School Learning Experience
'Journey' begins!
Thu 15th October - Cuppa and Chat by Zoom (details to follow!)
Mon 2nd Nov: INSET Day
Wed 4th Nov: Learning Review Meetings
Wed 11th Nov: Learning Review Meetings
Week beginning 9th November - Whole School Learning Experience
'Peace' begins!
Fri 13th Nov - Act of Remembrance

INSET Days for the rest of the academic year

Monday 2nd November
Monday 22nd February
Friday 28th May

Just a reminder, if your child is poorly and will not be attending school please leave a message on the absence line, with the reason, by 9.30am **each day** they are not in school. Many thanks



Little fish who have made the world a better place...

At Fishbourne Primary we are always looking out for ways to make the world a better place to be and we plan to use our newsletter to celebrate some of the ways our children and families are doing this!

Emma in Panthers class cut her hair and donated it to the Little Princess Trust where it will be used to provide wigs for children who are undergoing treatment for cancer. Such a special thing to do!
<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>



Milo and Luca, with the support of their grandad, grew tomato and courgette plants to sell. They raised a magnificent £160 which they decided to donate to our school and we decided we would use this to buy a time capsule which we could plant in the school grounds as a way of marking this extraordinary period of time in our history and with the hope that in 2050 the children at Fishbourne Primary will dig it up and learn all about this time.

Rufus and Roscoe walked 72 miles during the summer holiday to raise £400 for a collection of anti-racist books to furnish the library so that they and their friends can educate themselves and be part of a better and fairer future. We really look forward to building this collection with the support of The Book Nook in Hove to support our children's growing understanding.

AT FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, WE NURTURE OUR LEARNERS TO BECOME...

