



FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



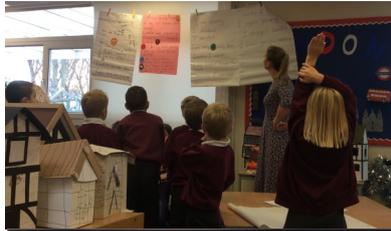
Only one you

Dear Parents,
As a staff team, we have been reflecting a great deal on what we are most passionate about at Fishbourne Church of England Primary School. There are many, many factors that come into this and we look forward to sharing with you more about this in the future, but for the time being—these four elements of our school, we feel fiercely proud of:

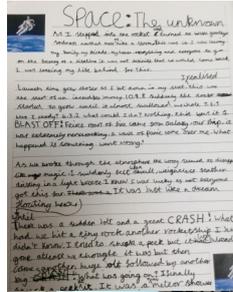
- *'Only one you' - championing ALL learners to the best they can be
- *Personalising learning NOT standardising learning
- *Making learning irresistible
- *Nurturing life long learners who are - courageous, determined, positive, collaborative and reflective.

During the week, I have had the privilege of spending lots of time in and out of classrooms, talking to children about their learning, seeing where we are in our journey towards achieving this and looking at the impact that our School Development Plan is having on children's learning. I wanted to take a moment, at the end of term, to share with you just a few of the things I have seen:

Koala Class have been immersed in their learning about The Great Fire of London. The children were hooked into their learning with not one but two hooks! A visit from a theatre company who recreated the Great Fire in our own hall and a mysterious object that was dug up outside school. Their end goal is to go into role and write a diary entry as child in the 1660's. Mrs Williams has taken every opportunity to model writing and the children have gained a great deal from experimenting with language and broadening their vocabulary - both with historical terminology and descriptive language.

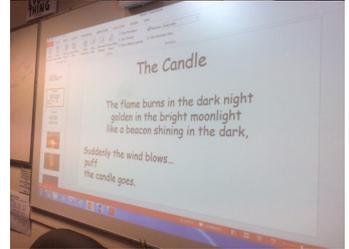
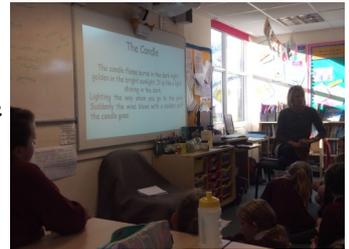


Mrs Rinaldi and Mrs Treagust have devised a brand new learning experience for Panther class in the weeks leading up to Christmas called 'Grinch!'. Their focus is on story telling and the children were hooked into their learning with a whole class visit to Cineworld. The children in Year 3 are also immersed in lots of modelled writing and their learning walls are bursting with scaffolding to support their growing understanding of recording direct speech.



Meerkat class have been transformed into authors! Their enthusiasm, self-confidence and positive view of themselves as writers is just wonderful to see. When I visited their classroom this week, they had been writing for an hour and when Mr Cutting announced that it was lunchtime, a loud groan erupted in the classroom! There's no better sign of an inspired and motivated group of children. Here's an extract from Lauren's writing: *As I stepped into the rocket and turned to wave goodbye, sadness washed over me like a storm. This was it. I was leaving my family, my friends, my house, everything and everyone to go on the journey of a life time. It was not definite that we would come back. I was leaving my life behind for this...*

Panda Class are poets! Mrs Buchan courageously shared a poem that she had written and the children critiqued it - collaborating to make suggestions for ways in which it could be improved and experimenting with different ideas to reflect on the impact that they had on the reader. The children enjoyed the opportunity to manipulate and refine language, varying word order and an uncharacteristic flexibility with punctuation! By recording their changes on the whiteboard, they were able to edit much more easily, making changes before evaluating the impact.



The children in Elephant class are embracing the festive season in their Santa Workshop which is always very busy! Measuring, wrapping, labelling, posting, delivering... what an efficient bunch. It's lovely to see how immersed they are in their learning, the breadth of opportunities for learning in this role play area, and how busy they all are!



Penguin Class are in the midst of a learning experience called 'The Man on the Moon' through which they are exploring the true meaning of Christmas. The children are learning to write

invitations and letters. Their baseline being the very important letters to Father Christmas which after being photocopied have been sent off the big man. These are on display outside the Y5/6 classrooms and are lovely to read should you ever find yourself with a spare 5 minutes!



Tiger Class have also been working their socks off, creating narratives about Anglo-Saxon times. Their focus has been on learning how to punctuate speech correctly. Three modelled writing sessions were taking place simultaneously, personalising learning to meet the next steps for each child. The children in Meerkat and Tiger classes are very fortunate to have Rebecca Webb, a senior primary lecturer at the university supporting in their classrooms every Thursday morning to support the development of writing.



We have been really pleased to see the impact that modelled writing is having on our children as writers throughout the school. There is a striking sense of apprenticeship between children and staff - we can see the impact this is having on the progress children are making.

Our next step for continuing to develop our learning experience approach is to refine our END GOALS, making sure that the children are writing for real purposes and giving the children an opportunity to take their writing all the way through to publication stage at least on a termly basis.

“IT'S NOT ABOUT THE DESTINATION. IT'S ABOUT THE JOURNEY TO GET THERE.”

Next term, we will also be continuing to develop our approach to maths across the school - we will be reviewing our 'Progression in Calculation' policy. We look forward to sharing this with you during the spring term. We will also be working closely with the University of Chichester to develop 'intelligent practice': the precise design of practice questions so that rather than pupils repeating a mechanical activity, they are taken down a path where the thinking process is practised with increasing creativity.

At this time of year it is always a good time to stop and reflect. This week we have been updating our website with a summary of our **whole school** learning experiences to date (these can be found under the LEARNING tab of our website—do have a look!). We have so much to celebrate about our school including a broad, balanced, rich and irresistible curriculum that offers the children a wealth of opportunities to enjoy learning together as a school family. There are lots more of these opportunities planned for the year ahead, starting in February with the learning community pausing to reflect on themselves as learners during our 'Mirror, Mirror' learning experience.

We are proud of what we offer here and are hugely thankful to the dedicated team of teachers and LSA's who work their socks off to give the children a treasure chest full of opportunities!



This time of year is simply magical at school. We have greatly enjoyed sharing advent and this time of preparation with your children. The children have some lovely opportunities in the lead up to Christmas—the nativity play, film and popcorn afternoon, carol service, a community tea party, Christmas lunch, carols around the tree, Christmas jumper day... it's exhausting even thinking about it! Do have a look on our website for reviews of all these events on

our NEWS section. We are sorry to have run out of space (and time) to include them all in our newsletter. We are always enormously proud of our children, particularly when we see them representing the school so well at these kinds of events. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a great start to the new year. See you on January 3rd!

Naomi Day and the Fishbourne Team



Dates for 2018/2019

Tue 18th Dec: Christmas Carol Service at church (children only)

Wed 19th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day non-uniform and Carols around the tree from 2.30pm
End of term

Thurs 3rd January - Start of term

Tuesday 5th February - International Safer Internet Day whole school learning experience

6-7pm: Parent Information Meeting—Lancastrian Infants

INSET Days for 2018/2019

Friday 15th February
and Friday 24th May

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Safer Internet Day 2019 will be marked globally on **Tuesday 5th February 2019** with the theme: Together for a better

internet. We will be marking **SAFER INTERNET DAY** with our first ever whole school one-day learning experience which will raise the profile of staying safe online both in and out of school. Mr Cutting, our Computing and E-Safety leader will be heading this up in school and we look forward to sharing more with you about what will be happening during the day.



As part of our locality work, we have put on a Safer Internet meeting for parents to explore some of the contemporary issues facing families with young children, this will be held on the same day:

Tuesday 5th February 6-7pm at Lancastrian Infant School

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

