

Hello!

We hope you had a good half term break and are ready for the term ahead. We are excited to be starting our new topic called Dinosaur Planet and hope you enjoy hearing about your child's learning. We have a new member of our Y1 team - Mrs Kember who will be with us two days a week!

Thank you for your continued support. Year 1 Team



Reading

6 books will be sent home with your child every Monday:

- 2 Phonics decodable books
- 2 colour banded books from the library
- 2 story books

The children will also have access to books on their Reading Planet account.

Please read everyday!!

ENGLISH

In literacy we will continue focusing on developing the children's reading skills, letter and number formation and simple sentence composition. We will also be doing daily phonics sessions. These sessions will include revising the sounds learnt so far as well as more phase 3 and phase 5 sounds. We will practise reading common exception words. Handwriting sessions will also be taught discreetly.

Writing and Reading opportunities

The children will be writing both fiction and non-fiction pieces based around dinosaurs. We will be using the stories:

- Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs - Ian Whybrow,
- Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish - Michael Foreman,
- How to Grow a Dinosaur - Caryl Hart

We will be using reference books to support our learning.

Children will continue to read weekly. They will be encouraged to talk about what they are reading and to make predictions. The children will be asked to explain what they have read. We will be listening to a range of poems and non-fiction stories at a level beyond that which they can read independently.

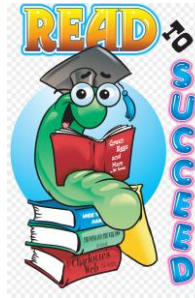


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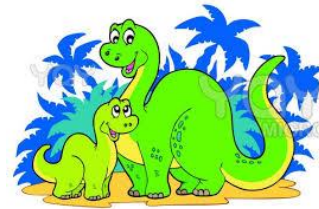
In R.E. we will be finding out what the story of Noah is really about. In the latter part of the term we will be learning about the Christmas story through the perspectives of different characters. We will be looking at how Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, the innkeeper, the shepherds and the wise men would have felt at this exciting time.

PE sessions -

Please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit to school on these days. Tuesday – Yoga with Miss Turley
Thursday – Multi-skills with Coach T



Dinosaur Planet



Geography: By looking at where different dinosaurs lived, we will be learning to name and locate the world's seven continents. We will also learn the names of the five oceans.

History: Using the topic of dinosaurs, we will be learning about events beyond living memory which are of significance globally. We will be looking at the differing theories of why the dinosaurs became extinct. We will be looking at the life and work of Mary Anning.

ICT

We will be using the BeeBots to predict the behaviour of simple programmes. We will be using the BeeBot and Daisy Dinosaur computer programme to learn that programmes follow simple instructions which are input by the user. They will also be using their individual log-in card to practise using a keyboard.

Numeracy

We will continue to focus on developing the children's place value and number knowledge and we will also continue to work on our number bond knowledge.

We will learn to:

- describe, record, compare and solve practical problems for length and height, and mass and weight.
- recognise and know the value of different denominations of coins and notes.

You can support your child by helping them to recognise different coins and giving your child opportunities to use money in everyday life.

Art/DT

We will be using watercolour paints to make silhouette dinosaur pictures and experimenting with other materials to create topic related art.



Science

In Science the children will be learning to identify, name, describe and compare a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals including pets. We will be identifying which animals are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will also be identifying and naming a variety of common plants including deciduous and evergreen trees.