

Welcome back Class 1



Happy New Year, I hope you've all had a lovely Christmas break. This half term our theme is 'Dinosaur Planet.' The **intent** of this topic is for children to understand the life of a dinosaur. This includes landscape and location, diet and their extinction. The children will also discover the work of significant individuals, such as Mary Anning. Our Science will be based on animals and humans and being able to identify and name common animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and invertebrates. We will be investigating which are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and understanding the reasons why.

This half term we will be looking at some lovely key texts and continuing to build our understanding of description using well chosen adjectives. Our first texts will be 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs and The Dinosaur's Diary. We'll be working hard to describe the character of 'Harry', write instructions about how to bath a dinosaur and describing where dinosaurs lived. Towards the end of the half term, we'll be looking at various information texts about dinosaurs and writing out own fact files.

Daily Sounds Write phonics sessions, alongside active and written handwriting sessions will be a part of our weekly routine, which will help with our gross and fine motor skills, leading to improved handwriting.

The Year 1 and 2 children will be part of guided reading sessions in small stage appropriate groups. They will be listening to stories, talking about the stories and applying their reading skills. There will be a focus on reading and interpreting the text to understand the story at a deeper level. **We aim to read with your children individually at least once a week. However please do remember that we read several times a day individually, as part of a small group and a whole class and this is not documented in your child's reading diary.** Please spend time looking at this with your child as often as possible and ensure that your child's book is in school EVERY DAY.

In Maths lessons, our Reception children will be understanding to composition of numbers to 10 and being able to subitise numbers. We will also be comparing and exploring mass and capacity.

Our Year 1 and 2 children will be learning how to multiply and divide. Firstly mastering to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and recognising doubles and halves. Then, practically making equal groups to group and share, using objects to making arrays, before learning how to divide by 2,5, and 10.

Class 1's PE sessions will be on a **TUESDAY AND FRIDAY. There will be no Forest School for C1 this half term. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PE DAYS.** PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL IN THEIR KIT ON THE DESIGNATED DAY.

Appropriate PE kit reminder:

Plain white T-shirt

Black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings

Black plain jumper/ hoodie or school jumper.

Our Jigsaw PSHE theme this half term is Dreams and Goals. We'll be learning how to stay motivated when we face a challenge and to keep trying even when tasks are difficult. We'll be learning all the skills necessary to work as a team and to help each other achieve our dreams and goals.

Ways to help with learning at home this term

Weekly spellings will be sent home for the Year 1 and 2 children, to be tested on a **WEDNESDAY**. Please take a look at these each week and help your child to spell the words independently. Mrs Stevens posts these via Seesaw each week, please come and speak to her if you are unable to access them.

Reading—Please ensure that your child's reading book and diary comes to school **every day**. Please remember to write in your child's diary every time you read with them. We very much value your support in listening to your child read. Sharing books together is a fantastic way to nurture positive reading habits. Bedtime stories where you model the reading is hugely beneficial.

Homework challenges— Each child will receive a homework challenge menu via Seesaw. There will be enough tasks to complete at least 1 per week based on our topic. You can choose any way that you would like to record your experiences, for example, you can use pictures, photographs, writing, cartoons or you could stick souvenirs in your book. You can also choose the order in which you complete the challenges. Please don't worry if you do not get chance to complete all of the challenges, they are designed for you to pick and choose which activities you would like to do with your child and that fit around your family life. Each week we will choose a selection of work to be presented to the class to develop social and communication skills. We do hope that you can complete as many challenges as possible so that your child can share their successes with their peers and school staff.

Many Thanks for your continued support

Miss Timbrell and the Class 1 team