



DINOSAURS Part 2



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term break. Thank you for your support with all the projects - they were brilliant and it has been fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm for their learning!

We will continue with Dinosaurs this term as there is so much more to discover!

Thursday 10th March - Dinosaur Dig Day

We will be doing some exciting activities linked to finding out about dinosaurs and palaeontology, including digging for dinosaurs, looking for clues and learning facts about dinosaurs from their fossils. Please can your child come to school on this day as a scientist/palaeontologist? This could be as simple as wearing a white shirt, or as detailed as you would like!

Understanding of the World

Geography - Human and physical features of different landscapes. Making maps of the forest and mapping a journey from a dinosaur story.

Science - Learning about the basic needs of animals, food chains and life cycles of dinosaurs and other animals.

History - Learning about Mary Anning and why she is a significant figure in discovering more about dinosaurs.

Literacy

Persuasive writing about whether we should bring dinosaurs back or not, explanation writing about dinosaur extinction, writing different types of dinosaur stories. Alongside this we will be working on spelling, improving handwriting and writing champion sentences.

Mathematics

Multiplication and division calculations, measures including time, statistics including pictograms, addition and subtraction calculations, shape, space, position and direction.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Getting on and falling out, dealing with loss and challenges.

Expressive Art & Design

Dinosaur dance, using different media in art to create dinosaur pictures, exploring pattern and texture.

Religious Education

What happens at Easter? How do Christians celebrate Easter? Learning about why Easter is celebrated. Preparing for Easter Service.

Physical Development

Dance and gymnastics development of skills.

The homework will continue as last term.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just for 5 minutes. It is really important that the children bring their book bags, yellow reading record and their reading book into school <u>every day</u> . When reading with your child please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>signing and dating in the comments book</u> , or you may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary. We will change their books when appropriate.
Spelling	Spelling homework involves an activity sheet that will be sent home every other week. Please can your child complete and bring back the following Tuesday. New activities will be given out every other Friday.

	High frequency words should be read spelt correctly by the end of Year 2. Year 1 need to continue to practice their phonic sounds. It will be helpful for children to use www.phonicsplay.co.uk There are lots of games to play which support phonics learning.
Maths	Please complete the maths homework - sent home every other week in maths books. Mymaths.co.uk gives extension lessons if needed! Year 2 - Times tables - please support your child to learn their $\times 10$, $\times 2$ $\times 5$, $\times 3$ times tables so that they know them off by heart, backwards, and at any point can tell you the answer e.g. $6 \times 5 =$

Key questions to ask your child at home:

Who was Mary Anning?

How did dinosaurs become extinct?

Can you retell a dinosaur story?

Can you recall your $\times 2$, $\times 5$ and $\times 10$ times tables?

What happens in Church at Easter?

Useful Websites

www.ictgames.co.uk and www.topmarks.co.uk for Literacy and Maths games.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk Phase 4 and 5 games, blending sounds and words.

If you wish to make games to have fun at home with learning, you can print from:

www.twinkl.co.uk and browse the KSI section.

Topic websites

www.nhn.ac.co.uk

www.sciencekids.co.nz/dinosaurs

www.discoverykids.com/category/dinosaurs

Quick Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle and their book bags each day.
- Please ensure the children always have a coat in school particularly as the British weather is unpredictable!
- Our PE days are Tuesday & Friday but PE kits should be in all week.
- Wellington Boots - Please can all children have a set of Wellies in school at all times, this is so we can use the field and outside areas when it is wet and muddy. All in one waterproof suits are also useful.
- Share Learning - if the children would like to share something from home with the class, it needs to be linked to the topic and their learning in school
- Cursive Script - please can you encourage your child to write with joined up handwriting like this newsletter! They are learning this in school.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Woods