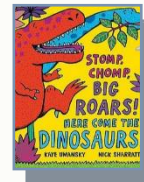
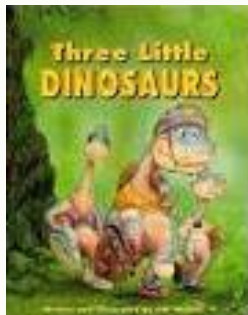


'Dinosaurs'
Beech class Newsletter Term 4 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a lovely half term break. This term we are continuing with our topic of 'Dinosaurs' and finding out more about the geography of the land including understanding volcanoes and climate change. There will be a **Year 1** phonics information meeting on **Friday 6th March at 2.45pm** in the hall, this will explain the phonics screening process and give you more information. We hope you will be able to make it- look out for a separate letter about this during the term.

Some of the key texts we will be using for our learning are:




























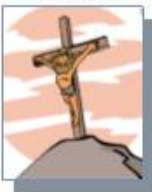

Key dates for this term:

- Thursday 5th March World book day- your child can come to school dressed as a book character
- 9th- 13th March- Science week- see whole school letter for more information. ***Please could your child bring a shoe box into school for the week.***
- 10th and 12th March -Parent consultations 4pm-6pm
- Tuesday 24th March Beech trip to Paradise Park- look out for updates closer to the trip!
- Friday 3rd April Easter Service at 2pm.

The learning map attached to this newsletter outlines the areas we will be learning about and some of the work we will be doing in teacher-focussed activities and group work.

'Dinosaurs' Learning Map Term 4 2020

What are we learning this term?

Literacy	Story writing 	Non-Fiction 	Persuasive writing 
Maths	Shape and time 	Measure 	Applying place value in problems 
Science	Transparent 	Materials 	Hard 
Geography	Volcanoes 	Seasonal changes 	Climate change 
Music		'round and round' 	
ICT	E-Safety 		Questioning 
PSHE		Healthy me 	
Art and DT	Using tools 	Using materials 	Being safe 
RE		Salvation 	

Home Learning

Reading	<p>Please read with your child at least three times a week, even if it is just for 5 minutes. When reading with your child, please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by <u>signing and dating in their reading record book</u>.</p> <p>During reading sessions, please discuss the story with your child and ask them questions about what they are reading. These questions will help to develop their understanding of what they are reading as comprehension and discussion are key reading skills in Year 1 and 2.</p>
Spellings and homework	<p>Year 2: Spellings will be given out each week on a Friday, then will be tested on the following Friday. Please ensure that books are returned to school as scores will be written in the book at the end of the week for you to see.</p> <p><i>Year 1: This term your child will be taking home some phonics tasks each week instead of spellings. Please ensure the tasks are sent back by the following Friday as we will be using these in our phonics sessions. These will be further explained in our phonics meeting.</i></p>
Maths	<p>Mymaths homework will be set on Fridays and due back the following Thursday.</p> <p>Please can children continue to learn their times tables at home.</p> <p>Year 1 children should be learning 10x, 2x and 5x tables</p> <p>When secure with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables, children should be moving onto 3x and 4x tables</p> <p>BBC Bitesize website has links to times tables songs that children can learn.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zqbg87h</p> <p>Purple Mash Times Tables Games:</p> <p>https://www.purplemash.com/</p> <p>Search for 'speed tests' and then choose the one that you would like to practise.</p> <p>MyMaths can be used at home for the children to explore and practise skills from class work whenever they choose- a new task will be set every Friday.</p>

Useful Websites to support learning

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/dino-directory.html>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/prehistoric-world/dinosaur-extinction/>

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/dinosaurs-and-prehistoric-life/dinosaurs/>

Reminders

- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bag** each day. No rucksacks, please, as these are taking up room on the pegs.
- Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **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.
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Key Questions

<u>What materials can you think of in your home?</u>	<u>How are materials used in your home?</u>	<u>What do you know about volcanoes?</u>	<u>Can you find out where volcanoes are in the world and find them on a map?</u>
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We hope you all have lovely term supporting the children in their learning and can see how much they have learnt already. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any questions,

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Mackarness and Miss Frankel.