



Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful Christmas break. Our topic this term will be dinosaurs.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to develop their skills through independent work and adult focused activities such as circle time, class assembly and whole school assembly. They will learn about aspects of life beyond living memory and use it as a starting point for whole class discussions. Through working in the role play area, they will have the opportunity to continue to develop collaborative work, sharing and taking turns.

Communication and Language

The children will continue to develop their communication and language skills through independent and adult focused activities. They will take part in more whole class activities, learning to work alongside the other children, developing the ability to use language to negotiate, think critically and problem solve.

Physical Development

In focused PE sessions the children will begin to learn and adapt basic gym skills, such as a forward roll, log roll and teddy roll. These skills will enable them to develop good control and coordination. In addition through focused play they will continue to develop key skills such as cutting and sticking, fine and gross motor skills such as balance and climbing and painting and drawing.

Literacy

Through texts linked to the topic the children will learn to read more key words on sight and put into practice the skills learnt in word level work to segment and blend a greater number of words. They will begin to identify and write independently sentences using capital letters and full stops. I will also be sending home 'Speed Words' (see attached letter).

Mathematics

The children will continue to count, order and write numbers to 20 with a particular emphasis on correct orientation when writing numerals. They will use the vocabulary of addition and subtraction and begin to use the symbols to represent these operations. They will learn to name 2D and 3D shapes, identify them in the environment and use them to make models. Through links to the topic, they will use the vocabulary of measure; comparing, ordering and describing.

Understanding the World

Through the topic the children will begin to have an understanding of events beyond living memory, developing a sense of chronology and use words that relate to the passing of time. They will begin to know how we find out about the past and the different ways in which the past is represented. They will learn about the how dinosaurs grew, moved and ate.

Expressive Arts and Design

As well as a variety of independent activities the children will have the opportunity to look at patterns made by fossils and recreate these. They will also use a variety of media such as clay and Papier Mache to create 3D models.



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Staffing

This term we will be joined by Mrs Deacon, who will replace Mrs Irving as key stage 1 teaching assistant. Mrs Deacon is an experienced cover teaching assistant, who is looking forward to working with us until we are able to make a more permanent appointment. Also, Mrs Humphris and I have swapped days; Mrs Humphris will now be in school all day on Wednesdays, but will continue to cover me when I am on courses or attending meetings.

As always if you have any concerns or worries please feel free to speak to me at the end of the day or if it is more urgent to telephone school and leave a message, I will always endeavour to return your call by the end of the day.

Best Wishes,

Catherine Farrell