

Reception Class

Spring Term

February-April 2019



Dinosaurs



This half-term our topic is 'Dinosaurs'. We will also be learning about Spring and baby animals, with the children looking after chick eggs and watching them hatch. We will be covering the following:

Communication, Language & Literacy:

- Speaking and listening skills; asking and answering questions.
- Joining in with and talking about familiar stories and rhymes.
- Set 1/2 sounds in phonics; using phonics to read and write simple words and sentences.
- Labelling dinosaurs; writing Mother's Day and Easter cards.
- Exploring syllables and writing rhyming words.
- Using non-fiction books to find out about dinosaurs and baby animals.
- Learning 'red' and 'green' words.

Mathematics:

- Number rhymes and songs to explore addition and subtraction.
- Recognising, ordering and writing numbers from 0-10, 11-20 and beyond.
- Simple subtraction; counting back from a given number.
- Exploring ways of making a given number; simple problem-solving.
- Doubling and halving; counting in twos.
- Time - o'clock and half-past times.
- Measuring dinosaur bones and footprints using non-standard units; estimating and recording length.

Understanding of the World:

- Dinosaurs - naming, describing and sorting; hunting for fossils and bones.
- Care of the environment.
- Investigating what comes out of an egg; The life-cycle of a chick.
- Festivals - Mother's Day; Easter.
- Spring - seasonal changes; signs of new life; baby animals.
- I.C.T. - Developing mouse control; using simple tools to create pictures; programming bee-bots; using simple cameras and remote-controlled toys.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

- Self-help skills and independence; making choices.
- Caring for the world we live in; looking after animals.
- Sharing and helping others
- Looking after our Mums; what makes our Mums so special?

Expressive Arts & Design:

- Songs and rhymes; acting out familiar stories.
- Designing our own dinosaurs; exploring ways of joining things together.
- Observational drawing - dinosaur bones and fossils; Spring flowers and chicks.
- Exploring collage using different materials.
- Painting and printing using different objects to explore making patterns.
- Investigating different ways of joining things together.
- Role Play - Dinosaur Hut ; Chinese Take Away ; Flower Shop.

Physical Development:

- Use of simple tools - scissors; rolling pins and cutters; glue and sellotape.
- Outdoor play using bikes & trikes; use of climbing apparatus; small bats and balls; bean bags; hoops.
- Developing independence with dressing and self-help skills.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE

- P.E. -



All classes will have P.E. on a Monday.

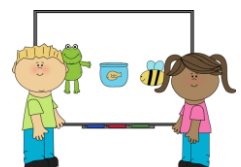
- I.C.T. -



The children will be 'Computer Captains' and visit the I.C.T. suite during the week.



*Come and join us for 'Stay and Play'
Friday mornings until 9.15 a.m.*





Helping at Home



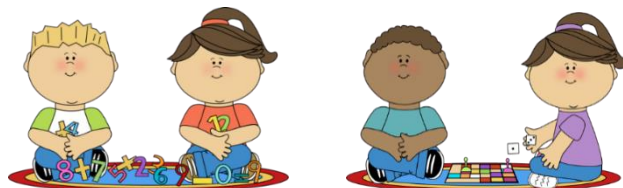
-Reading Books-



Please listen to your child read **EVERY** night and sign their Reading Journal.
Books will be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

** Don't forget to practise using letter sounds and reading and writing 'red' words with your child. **

-Maths Challenge-



A new challenge/activity is set each week for you to do at home with your child.
Please sign the Reading Journal when completed.

If at any time you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.



Please remember that school finishes at 3.00 p.m. and to collect your child on time