

Literacy

We will be continuing with phonics this term, with most children moving onto Phase 3. This includes learning the final few remaining single sounds and digraphs such as ch, sh or ee - where two letters together make one sound. Each letter is taught along with the sound it makes and has an action to accompany it to help the children remember them. For more information on this please ask. We will also be reading a selection of dinosaur related stories and poems, including 'Fi-Rex', 'Roo the Roaring Dinosaur' and 'Dance like a Diplodocus'.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning through a variety of play-based activities to include both numbers to 20, shapes and measures. We will continue to learn how to do basic addition and subtraction, place value and patterns. As well as learning our 2D and 3D shapes and their properties and begin to learn all about measures, comparing ourselves to a dinosaur. All of the children have a Mathletics login which allows them access to a range of mathematical games to play from home on a tablet or PC. Another popular game in class at the moment is 'Hit the button' - a free game available on tablets and PC in which children are challenged to various number problems.
www.uk.mathletics.com
www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to learn about our school values of Friendship, Wisdom, Compassion and Trust as well as introducing British Values and Olympic & Paralympic Values.

This term our topic is:

'Do-You-Think-He-Saurus?'

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Communication and Language

Through both classroom and circle time activities, we will be building on our confidence to speak in front of our peers. We will also take part in listening games to develop an understanding for the need to listen carefully to others.

Physical Development

As well as enjoying our free-flow activities outside and use of the climbing frame (when dry), we will also have PE lessons on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school. We will be focusing this term on Dance and exploring different ways of moving like a dinosaur.

Expressive Arts and Design

Linking with our topic, we will be creating a diplodocus skeleton, dinosaur eggs and fossils using a range of materials and learning dino raps!

Understanding the World

As we move through the term, we will consider the seasonal changes happening around us. We will also look at the importance of Christian festivals such as Lent and Easter, as well as celebrations from around the world like Chinese New Year. In Science we will be exploring the differences between Herbivores and Carnivores by investigating dinosaur poop!

Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 1st February - School Disco
- Tuesday 6th February - Internet Safety Day
- Friday 16th February - Chinese New Year (Year of the Dog)
- Thursday 1st March - World Book Day

