

Termtalk



Our school values
*Harmony, Respect, Faith
Lifelong Learning*

Curriculum News from the Reception Team Second half of Autumn Term 2021

Here Come the Dinosaurs!



Over half term the dinosaurs have visited Holy Trinity! The children have explored the school garden and field and they have found dinosaur footprints and even a dinosaur egg! For the rest of this topic they will prepare for a very exciting archaeological dig at the end of the topic.

Literacy:

The children will share the stories of Harry and His Bucketful of Dinosaurs. They will find out about his different adventures and then, choosing a toy dinosaur of their own, they will make up their own dinosaur adventure story.



Phonics:

We will learn how to apply the new knowledge of these letter sounds to blend sounds in order to read short words. The children will listen closely

to the sounds in words and begin to write these down. Please practise the actions and captions that accompany each letter sound that are provided in your child's sound book.

Communication & Language:

The children will be supported to build their vocabulary by listening to and sharing stories and non-fiction books about dinosaurs. They will become familiar with topic specific words such as 'extinct', 'herbivore', 'carnivore', 'fossil', 'palaeontologist', 'predator', 'prey', 'amour' as well as learning to pronounce dinosaur names. They will be encouraged to talk about what they know and to ask questions to find out new information.

We will also participate in World Nursery Rhyme Week by learning and reciting famous nursery rhymes.

"If children know 8 nursery rhymes by heart by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually among the best readers and spellers in their class by the time they are 8". (Mem Fox, Reading Magic)

Maths:

The children will practise reciting number names in order and linking this to a quantity and amount in a set. We will examine the structure of numbers to explore how single digit numbers can be built



in different ways. The children will also compare quantities and calculate one more and one less.

Expressive Arts and Design:

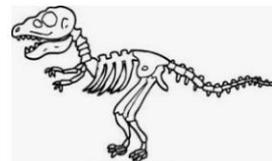
The children will use colour, different materials and construction apparatus to build and design their own dinosaurs as well as an insulating, protective nest for the egg that they find. Children will use their sketch books to draw their favourite dinosaur and to recreate their map of the Jurassic Coast. They will build skeletons using straws and pasta pieces and make their own dinosaur fossils using salt dough that they will mould, hunt for and bring home to keep!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The children's play and learning environment will support the development of increasing confidence and independence. In PSHE the children will learn about the topic of 'Valuing Difference' and investigate what is the same and different about each other. In Collective Worship we will focus on the theme of Trust, whilst in RE we will explore why Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas. They will also learn about the Christmas story.

Understanding the World:

The children will use the ICT Suite to use a mouse on a computer. They will learn how to log on to Education City. They will investigate a different key question every week related to their topic, such as 'what do dinosaurs eat?', 'where did the dinosaurs live?' They will learn that we live on the Jurassic Coast and its links with the findings of palaeontologist Mary Anning. At the end of the topic the children will go on their own Archaeological Dig and hunt for fossils and dinosaur bones. We will share photos of this exciting adventure on Dojo!



Physical Development:

In PE the children will complete a dinosaur-related dance unit. They will also use additional outside sessions to develop their core balance and coordination skills. Please ensure children come dressed in their winter PE kit on their PE day: **RH Mondays**
RT – Thursdays

Important Information

- Children are required to read **5 times a week at home**.
- Please practise your child's new sounds with them using their sound book.
- WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK w/c 15th November - see the website below for further activities you may like to do at home:

<https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/>