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Our Topic this Half Term is 'Dangerous Dinosaurs' and 'Puddles and Rainbows'

This half term, our topics are 'Dangerous Dinosaurs' and 'Puddles and Rainbows'. In Dangerous Dinosaurs, your child will find out about prehistoric animals that lived on Earth. They will learn facts about dinosaurs and discover how big some of these giant creatures were. They will learn about the difference between carnivores and herbivores. They will also find out about the animals that lived after the dinosaurs and which modern-day animals have prehistoric relatives. In Puddles and Rainbows, your child will learn about the weather associated with the season of spring. They will explore natural phenomena, including rainbows, clouds, rain and wind. They will explore colours found in the natural environment and learn how to mix primary colours to make new colours.

English This half term we will continue to read different stories relating to our topic along with a variety of non-fiction texts to help us learn lots of information about the topics. We will be looking at the key differences between fiction and non-fiction text by directly comparing them and looking at how non-fiction texts are used. In Phonics, Nursery will continue to focus on listening to environmental sounds and hearing initial sounds in words. Some children will begin to explore the first few sounds in Phonics (s a t p i n) and find objects beginning with these sounds. Reception, will continue to learn new sounds and tricky words in Phonics and use these to write simple captions and sentences independently with an emphasis around sentence structure. Children will become more independent remembering the use of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will continue to focus on how a sentence is structured.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

Go onto the Natural History Museum website and look at interesting facts about dinosaurs together. Go to the CBeebies Dinosaurs website and explore the games and videos together. Look up interesting dinosaur facts to share with the class. Walk in your local environment and talk about the changes that have happened since winter. Go on a colour hunt and find objects for all the colours of a rainbow. Watch the weather forecast together and make a note of the different weather through the week. Go outside on a rainy day and find puddles to jump in..

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be learning to:
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- Match a number to a quantity
- Simple additions
- Create tally charts
- Subitising

General Reminders:

PE: Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. Children must come to school in their PE kit, this can be leggings, jogging bottoms or shorts as the weather (hopefully!) gets a little warmer. All earrings must be removed. Any child with earrings will NOT be allowed to take part. Children will be taking part in Yoga Bugs every Wednesday. They can wear their normal school uniform for this but earrings MUST be removed for this activity.

Forest School: This will take place every Friday. Please provide your child with a **change** of wellies in a named bag. Wellies are not suitable to wear all day.

Reading: Your child will continue to receive worded reading books with the sounds and tricky words they have learnt in phonics. Encourage your child to use expression in their voice. Can they spot the full stops? – remind them this is time to take a breath. Books will be given out on a Friday and must be returned the following Thursday.. Please support your child with their reading: it really makes a difference! Aim to hear them read a minimum of three times a week – little and often works best ☺

Water Bottles: We encourage the children to drink water throughout the day. Please send a named water bottle in each day. The bottle must contain water only.

Useful Websites:

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/dinosaur-facts>
[/https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com](https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com)
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=1eyfs/#Interactive_Maths_Games_EYFS

Autumn Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 7th March – World Book Day
Mon 11th March – Stay and Play 2:15-3:00
Tues 12th & Thurs 14th March – Parents evening.
Fri 15th March – Comic Relief
Thurs 28th March – End of Term
Mon 15th April - Back to school

Any other Information

Children will be set homework on a Friday – This is to be completed by the following Thursday. ☺