

Foundation Stage 1

Newsletter

Spring 2 Term 2023

Please send any photos of your child that you would like to share with us to the email address below. This could be pictures of family celebrations, days out, achievements such as swimming, dancing, riding a bike or anything else that you would like to share with us.

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Communication and Language

We are continuing to use a floor book with our children, each week we add photos of the children and what they have been learning. In small groups the children are becoming really confident to share their thoughts and ideas about what they can see and what they have learned. This half term we hope to add a QR code to our book, that we can also share with you, this will link to a video of our children retelling the stories that we have learned.

Physical Development

Our children have been taking part in write, dance and squiggle while we wiggle sessions in addition to dough disco. These sessions are really beginning to help the children to enjoy drawing and writing and we have seen lots of progress with how they are holding their pens as they draw. The children love to do this and so we will continue with our new dinosaur songs in these sessions.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Thank you to those parents who returned their 'Focus child' sheet, knowing your children as best as we can really supports us in tailoring our provision for your child - we want to be able to provide something specific to every single child that reflects their interests. If you need another form, please ask and we will be happy to send these out for you. It is lovely to see how much the children are happy and enjoying Nursery now as they returned after the February holiday, full of smiles and joy.

Expressive Arts & Design

We will be working on some whole class projects relating to dinosaurs. We will make armour and costumes for the children to be able to roleplay together. We are focusing on the children paying attention to detail in what they draw and paint, with adult support they are capable of producing some amazing drawings, which cannot wait to send home to you. We are learning some nursery rhymes with a dinosaur theme - please watch out for the sheets coming home so that your child can sing to you!

Maths

We will continue to practice counting and number recognition every day as we do our register. We will be singing lots of different number rhymes, some which will link to our dinosaur theme, we will send these home to practise with your child. We are continuing to look closely at 1-5, learning the number digits, writing them and knowing and representing the quantity of 1-5.

Literacy

This half term we will be reading lots books that are about dinosaurs, both fiction and non-fiction. The main stories that we will read are: Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaur Rumpus, Tyrannosaurus Drip and Dinosaurs Love Underpants. The children will learn key words from these stories which we will send home. They will also learn to act out the story from beginning to end, please ask your child to show you how they can do this. We will be encouraging the children to borrow books from our Nursery library shelf, please return these when you have read them with your child.

Understanding of the World

We will be learning about the changing seasons as we explore outdoors, it is now warming up and Spring is here. As we are learning about dinosaurs, we will learn their similarities and differences, that dinosaurs were reptiles and how they are similar to animals that we see today. We will also learn about Easter towards the end of the half term.

Spring Home Learning Ideas

Our learning this half term is based around dinosaurs, where they came from and where they are now.

We will send home some dinosaur themed Nursery rhymes so that you can help your child to sing these songs at home too.

With each story that we learn in school, we will teach the children key vocabulary from the story. We will send home key words each time we learn a new story so that you can also support your children at home in understanding the meaning of these words.



If you have any queries or questions at all, please do not hesitate to ask or call school on 01302 349275.
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