



## DINOSAURS

Autumn 2 2023

### Topic

Children will investigate when Dinosaurs ruled the Earth: exploring Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous time periods. Children will use dinosaur fact cards and information texts to match dinosaurs to each time frame. They will explore where Dinosaurs lived and link this to their understanding of continents and oceans.

### Important Dates

10<sup>th</sup> Nov: Remembrance Day event 10.45am  
15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Errington's Stars in Their Eyes  
17<sup>th</sup> Nov: Children in Need  
21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Parents' Evening  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS / KS1 Stay and Play  
13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS1 Christmas Performance (PM)  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec: Carol Service (AM) Yr2 Christmas Party (PM)  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: School closes.

### Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. We want children to enjoy reading. We dedicate a discrete session a day to reading in school in addition to group guided reading sessions and 1:1 sessions.

**Please encourage your child to read their book each night.** Children will be provided with a levelled reading book, though they can also read books of their choosing at home. If children are on phonics, we ask that they do work on these appropriately levelled books at home and return them when they've been read three times.

Please write in your child's reading log daily so they can receive certificates and prizes.

We encourage reading for pleasure so children can explore any reading material of their choosing whenever the opportunity arises and we invite you to come and see our exciting new library in school.

### Science

Our science focus is 'Living Things in Their Habitats'. Children will explore the differences between things that are living, dead or never lived; investigate animal life cycles and discover local and world habitats. Children will link their scientific knowledge to their understanding of dinosaurs and their habitats and diet.



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Home Learning

 CENTURY

 purple mash

In year 2, children will be provided with weekly maths homework and weekly spellings to learn. These will **go out on a Friday** and must be **returned on the following Wednesday**. We ask that you support your children where possible and ask for support should you require it.

Spellings for each week can be found on a sheet at the back of your homework folder and a maths sheet will be added each week. We also ask that reading becomes part of your child's daily routine where possible.

Children can access Purple Mash and TT Rock Stars at home on which you can find many resources and challenges for developing knowledge in all subjects.

### Maths

Our main focus in Maths this half-term is Addition and Subtraction: children will consolidate their knowledge of addition and subtraction bonds within 20 and then to 100. Children will explore strategies to help them add and subtract. Alongside this, we will be introducing children to Money: identifying coins, adding coins and finding change.

Children will continue to focus on their 2, 5 and 10 times tables throughout the year. Children will be tested regularly. Any support with this at home is greatly appreciated as fluency is so important.

### English

Children will use their knowledge of dinosaurs to write an engaging non-chronological report. In preparation, children will identify features common to non-chronological reports and will use a range of texts to research their chosen dinosaur. Children will then plan, draft and edit their reports.

As a school we are focussing on letter formation, handwriting and presentation. Children will participate in regular handwriting sessions. Should you receive handwriting in your child's homework folder, please support them when completing this to ensure correct formation and pencil grip is reinforced.

### Computing

Children will explore how to use the internet and will use a search engine to help them to research and answer questions about dinosaurs.

### P.E.

We ask that children come to school in their PE kits on Mondays and Fridays. This half-term we will continue to develop children's dance skills, linked to our Dinosaur topic. Children will explore ball skills in their shorter PE sessions: practising dribbling, passing and receiving.