

Spring 1 Curriculum News for Reception

Dinosaurs and Animals

Communication and Language

Language skills and vocabulary acquisition is such an important part of what we do; a good vocabulary and ability to express their thoughts are the backbone for strong writing skills as children mature. To support this, we continue with Poetry Basket weekly and have weekly circle times where a topic is given and every child has the opportunity to speak using a full sentence stem to support correct structure. Please do encourage full sentence speak when talking with your children.

Maths

This term in Maths we will build upon our number knowledge up to 10. We will begin to explore measurements including capacity, mass, time, length and height. A lot of the learning will be using correct language in context and full sentences i.e. the weight of the brick is more than the feather, the jug is full not empty. This lends itself to lots of practical activities that you can support at home with such as baking!

Literacy

We are writing longer words in our books now, practising staying within the lines and using proper letter formation. We will attempt some basic caption writing such as 'a red hat' remembering finger spaces between each word.

We start the next set of sounds in Phonics, our Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs; these can be found in the back of learning diaries.

Understanding the World

Through our topic this term we will discuss different features of dinosaurs, learn to classify animals by what they eat and their different habitats. The final two weeks the children will decide, as a class, what animal they would like to learn about and we will present our findings in school assemblies to other classes. Lunar New Year is also in February and we will have a week learning about this celebration.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our Jigsaw scheme for PSED this term looks is all about 'Dreams and Goals'– looking at building resilience, overcoming difficulties and keeping a goal in mind when things are tough.

Physical Development

P.E will take up our entire Wednesday afternoons. Our P.E. specialists USports will be teaching ball skills and class teachers will enhance this further with ball games and teamwork exercises.

Expressive Art and Design

There are lots of exciting opportunities for art and design this term. The children will make their own paper plate dinosaurs, Jurassic fossils and a Chinese dragon as we look at Lunar New Year. With our two weeks of class choice animals, each class will be able to choose their own art project looking at their chosen animal.



- **Water only in bottles;** we will concentrate this term on getting children to drink water. If you have concerns please speak with your class teacher
- Please read daily

Donations Welcome:

- Happy Land people and houses for small world play
- Plain flour (for playdough)
- Any wooden toys

