

Reception Class Newsletter

1st half spring term 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, we hope everybody has had a wonderful winter break.

Our half termly topic this term is : Explorers

What we will be learning as part of our topic: this term the children will be explorers! They will be asking questions, observing and investigating. The first topic they are exploring will be dinosaurs. The children will be creating dinosaur artwork, making papier-mâché dinosaur eggs and creating dinosaur skeleton collages. They will be investigating how to make the best volcano, how to save a dinosaur from a swamp and how to rescue them from the ice age! They will think about the different types of dinosaurs; how they moved, what they ate and what they looked like.

What we will be learning in English: the children will continue to develop their early reading and writing skills. During this term the children will consolidate their phase 2 phonics. The children will be moving on to the next 15 sight words they need to learn, keep up the practicing at home! Children will begin to take home reading book each week that they can read to you, sometimes with some support. Our key text this term is 'Harry and the Dinosaurs'. The children will explore the text through actions, role play and story maps. The children will use their sight word and phonics knowledge to write sentences describing the dinosaurs. Finally, they will sequence pictures and write a recount of our trip to see the dinosaurs at the Natural History Museum!

What we will be learning in Maths: this term the children will begin to explore teen numbers. The children will continue to use a range of resources to develop their sense of number and reasoning. We will estimate amounts, and learn how to count to check to see if we were correct. During this term we will continue to use important maths language during every maths session and activity. Some of the words we will be using are; fewer, more, equal, total, same, different, altogether. It would help your child's understanding if you used these words with them during everyday activities.

Other activities, trips and events this half term: we will be going to the Natural History Museum to complete an Explorer's workshop and see the dinosaur exhibition on Monday 13th January.

What you can do to help

Reading books Please make sure that your child's book bag comes in every day and that the books they've taken home are kept in them.

Spare set of clothes and wellies If you have wellington boots please allow your child to have them in school as we enjoy an outdoor curriculum whatever the weather. They can come to school wearing their wellies on wet days if you prefer. If your child goes home in borrowed items of clothing, please return them washed as soon as possible.

Things to remember:

- Remember! – School starts at 8.55. All children should be lined up and ready each morning
- Book bags (Please bring in every day) and keep reading records in book bags
- Spare clothes, please provide in a named plastic bag and hang on your child's peg
- It is also essential that children remember their glasses if they wear them.

Other information:

Best wishes from the class team: Lucy, Faheema and Yumi