



Spring 1 - Reception



Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely Christmas holidays and we are excited for all our new learning this half term!

Learning this half term

Our topic this half term is dinosaurs! There will be lots of different dinosaur activities for the children to access in the classroom and we are very excited to have our 'Life Long Ago Dinosaur Workshop' on **Monday 15th January**. Our Key texts this half term are 'How to Look after your Dinosaur', 'Dinosaurs in my School' and 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants'. We will be focusing on writing simple words and captions based on the story and encouraging the children to be more independent when using their 'Fred Fingers' for writing. In Maths we will be focusing on finding, representing and exploring the composition of 6,7 and 8, as well as recapping our prior learning of 1 more and 1 less and comparing mass and capacity. In PSHE we will begin by looking at how to persevere when we find tasks difficult and then discuss how we can support our friends with activities they find hard. We have been really impressed with how engaged the children have been with their learning last term, and we are sure this will continue!

Reading

Reading continues to be a priority. We ask that you read with your child at least 3x a week at home and write a short comment in their reading record.

All children have a reading for pleasure book for you to share together and a blending book for the children to practice their reading independently. Please encourage your children to spot the special friends, Fred talk (sound out the word) and then blend the sounds together to read the word. You can support your child by helping them with any sounds they are unsure of and modelling how to blend the sounds together to read the word e.g 'c-a-t cat. f-i-sh fish'.

We also ask that you practice the weekly learnt sounds in phonics with your child by scanning the QR codes sent home each week.

PE

Reception have PE on **Thursdays** and our focus for this half term is dance.

Please ensure you send your child to school in PE kit and trainers every Thursday. If you have lost any items of your PE kit, please talk to a member of staff.

Key Dates

Friday 12th January - National Child Measurement Programme.

Monday 15th January - Life Long Ago Workshop

Monday 29th January - Play and stay session, letters to follow.

2nd February - National Number Day (non-uniform)

9th February - School closes for February half term.

School reopens Monday 19th February.

School Uniform

All children need to come to school in their full school uniform each day. As the weather can be very changeable in spring, please also send your child with a warm coat and suitable footwear every day. **Please can all items be labelled with your child's name.** This also applies to hats/scarves/gloves. If your child misplaces an item of clothing it is much easier to locate if it is named. We will put any lost property outside Reception at the end of each week so please take a look if your are missing anything. If you have any problems with acquiring uniform for your child please talk to a member of staff.

Home Learning

Each child in Reception has a home learning book which will contain activities for your child to do at home linked to their current learning. Please spend time with your child helping them to complete the activities and talk to them about their learning. Activities will also be put on

Dojo.



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