

WHICH DINOSAUR WOULD MAKE THE BEST PET?

Year 1 Term 1

Welcome to Year 1! We hope that you have had a great summer and are looking forward to a fun filled year ahead with lots of 'hands on' learning!

After getting to know the children for the first 4 days back we will begin our topic... which dinosaur would make the best pet?!

Creative Curriculum

This topic presents many opportunities for writing, history, science and creativity. In history we will be learning about the famous fossil hunter Mary Anning from Lyme Regis and role playing her life. We will also be sorting dinosaurs according to different criteria and investigating whether they are a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore by looking at their poo!! In art we will be using paint, plasticine and playdough. We will even make our own pet salt dough dinosaur! Any 'show and tell' [linked to our topic](#) is welcomed.

Dates for the Diary:

***Thursday 6th September** Year 1 phonics workshop for parents 7pm

***Monday 17th September** Year 1 maths workshop for parents

***Friday 28th September** Individual and family photographs

***Thursday 4th October** flu vaccinations

***Fri 5th October** House day

***Fri 12th October** Year 1 joint collective worship

***Tuesday 16th/Thursday 18th October** Parent consultations

INSET Days- 22nd, 23rd, 24th October

PE

PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday.

Please make sure that your child has his/her P.E. bag in school every day. As we go into the Autumn, please make sure your child has a pair of warmer trousers for P.E. as well as shorts, a P.E. jumper and PE t shirt. If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied up.

French and Music with Mrs Baker and Mrs Screen

This exciting addition to the curriculum will begin in week two and takes place every Wednesday morning. We hope you hear about it!

English

In English we will be looking at non fiction texts and creating our own information pages about dinosaurs. We will also be reciting and performing some dinosaur poems and writing lists and labels in preparation for a dinosaur hunt in the woods!

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on the following

- Counting forwards and backwards in 1s starting from any number.
- Counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s
- Adding and subtracting facts within 10.
- Representing numbers using objects and pictures.
- Measuring length, height and weight.

Maths vocabulary

More, less, fewer, greater, the same as, equal to, longer, longest, shorter, shortest, taller, tallest, lighter, lightest, heavier, heaviest, add, take away, subtract.

Supporting your child at home

You can play a significant part in your child's learning by supporting them at home. These are the areas where we particularly need your help this term:

- **Listening to your child read everyday when possible.**
- **Counting forwards and backwards from any number to at least 100.**
- **Helping your child learn their spellings (they can bring these into school whenever they are ready to be tested).**
- **Sharing a bed time story.**

