

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!

During the first week of term, as we get to know the children, we will be learning about badgers and owls. On the second week, we will begin our topic... "which dinosaur would make the best pet?" Shhh... don't tell the children yet as it will be a surprise!

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 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.

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!

There will be a Phonics information evening on Thursday 12th September.

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on number, place value, addition and subtraction. **To find out more, please come to our Maths Curriculum Evening on Monday 16th September.**

Maths vocabulary:

More, less, fewer, greater, the same as, equal to, add, take away, subtract.

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 11th – first PPA morning (please wear PE kit)

Thursday 12th September – Year1 phonics evening

Monday 16th September - Year1 maths evening

Tuesday 1st October – open afternoon and evening.

Friday 4th October – House day

Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th October - parents evenings

Friday 11th October – individual photos.

Friday 18th October – Church – Harvest festival

Friday 18th October - FOCCS disco. End of term

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd

October – Inset days

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.**
- **Helping your child learn their spellings. We will be handing out spelling booklets during weeks 3 and 4.**
- **Sharing a bed time story.**

Wednesday Mornings and PE

PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday.

Every Wednesday morning the children will experience French, music and PE with specialist teachers. These are other names you may hear at home: Mrs Screen (music), Mrs Baker (French) and Mr Kiely (PE).

On Wednesday mornings (from week 2) your child should arrive in their PE kit so that they are ready to begin their day. We will organise the children to take their PE kit home every Tuesday and request that it is brought back every Thursday. Your child will need exactly the same PE kit as they wore in Foundation (trainers, t-shirt, jumper and jogging bottoms/shorts). Please ensure that all items (including shoes and bag) are named. If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied up.

