

Literacy



In Literacy this half-term, our focus book will be: Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow and Adrian Reynolds.

We will start by identifying the features of this story, sequencing the story and doing some hot seating. As the weeks progress our dinosaurs will get lost and the children will have the challenge of writing to our caretaker (as head of lost property) to ask for his help to find them. Throughout the term children will also work on using positional language when finding dinosaurs and will have lots of opportunities to put their developing reading and writing skills to practise.

Suggestions of ways you can support your child's English:

You can find this story on you tube to share with your child, so that they become more familiar with it.

Prime Areas



Communication and Language – Speaking and listening is worked on all of the time in all lessons and through activity times.

Physical Development – PE lessons continue (every Monday) – children are working on learning basic safety and behaviour skills in PE lessons, alongside developing simple skills e.g throwing and catching balls.

Personal Social and Emotional Development – We will be continuing to focusing on learning about how our brain works in order to help us to regulate our behaviour. This term we will be focusing on developing the useful habits: Showing good manners, trying new things, accepting that no means no, learning to share, doing what you have to do (whether you like it or not)

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Trips and Experiences SAVE THE DATE!

- Friday 30th January – Teach Rex Dinosaur workshop

Maths



In Maths this half-term, initially the children will be consolidating their learning about 1 more and 1 less than a number. Then they will be learning about the number bonds of 5, using concrete resources. Additionally they will be exploring how to use concrete resources to work out doubles of numbers up to 5 and halves of numbers up to 5, which will lead us to 'odd and even' numbers.

Suggestions of ways you can support your child's Maths:

Use your child's number book to support them with their learning. We will still be sticking in information about what we are learning each week for you to go through and work on with your child. This will mostly be in a practical way, where you will be able to use any objects that you find in the home to work on these mathematical concepts.

Understanding the World



Our topic for this half-term is 'Dinosaurs'. The topic will get off to a flying start with our 'Teach Rex' workshop, which we know the children will love. We will be asking the children what they know and what they want to learn about, and using this as a basis for what we plan for the children. They will learn about why Dinosaurs are extinct, what different dinosaurs used to eat, where they lived, and we will look closely at the features of different dinosaurs. We will also learn about the season of 'Winter' and 'Chinese New Year'.

Extra Information

- Please remember to hear your child read four times each week and record this each time in their reading record books.
- At the end of the half term, we will send home a questionnaire about your child's development. Please complete this and return it to school after half term.



Phonics

Please check your child's sound book for new sounds and words each week and practise them with your child regularly. If you look at the back of the book there are tricky words too.