



## Reception Class Newsletter

### Spring Term 1

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday.

#### Curriculum Overview

Our two topic projects this term are called 'Dangerous Dinosaurs' and 'Puddles and Rainbows'. Our main project is called 'Dangerous Dinosaurs'. This exciting project teaches children about the different animals that roamed Earth millions of years ago and how they are related to animals that live on Earth today.

Our mini topic is called 'Puddles and Rainbows'. This mini project teaches children about the weather that happens during spring and allows them to explore natural phenomena, including rainbows. It supports them to explore colour in the natural world.

Phonics - We will continue to learn phonics through the Read Write Inc scheme.

Maths - This term we will focus on the numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. We will look at the composition of each number and play comparing and matching games.

RE - This term our RE topic is 'Our special books'.

Music - This term our music topic is 'Everyone'.

PE - Our PE lesson is every Thursday at 9am, long hair needs to be tied up and earrings removed please. Please remember your child needs an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school at all times.

#### Reading

**Home readers** - Please write in your child's reading record book each time your child reads their school book, remember our expectation is to be reading at home **three times a week**.

Children's books will only be changed when they are confident with their book. This includes answering questions about what they have read,

**Library books** - Please remember to return library book each Friday.

#### Links with home

**Tapestry accounts** - Please continue to post observations from home of exciting things your child is doing out of school. We would love to hear all about and celebrate the things children achieve at home.

**Topic Homework** - In the Dangerous Dinosaurs project, your child will find out about prehistoric animals that lived on Earth. They will learn facts about dinosaurs and discover how big some of these giant creatures were. They will learn about the difference between carnivores and herbivores. They will also find out about the animals that lived after the dinosaurs and which modern-day animals have prehistoric relatives.

Supporting your child at home

- Go onto the [Natural History Museum](#) website and look at interesting facts about dinosaurs together.
- Go to the CBeebies [Dinosaurs](#) website and explore the games and videos together.
- Look up interesting dinosaur facts to share with the class.
- Share and discuss the [Did you know?](#) resource. (See attached file)

#### General Notices

**Birthday**- Your child can come in their own clothes on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend or a school holiday, please choose the day closest to it.

**Water bottles** - Please only send plain water in these.

**Labelling clothes**- Please ensure that you have labelled all your child's belongings, including P.E. kit, school uniform, bags, bottles, coats and shoes.

**Weather** - In Reception class we go outside whatever the weather! Please bring a raincoat every day.

Kind regards,

Mrs Strellis, Mrs McGlynn and Miss Gamwell