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What we have been up to:

In Year 1 we have been getting to know our new routines and teacher. The children have all settled in so well and met their class mascot!



Curriculum:

English

This half term we will be reading non-fiction books about Dinosaurs and using this information to explore adjectives to help us describe what dinosaurs may look like. Throughout all of our English lessons we will be focusing on basic sentence structures; ensuring that the children are using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be having handwriting lessons to further practise our letter formation.

How can I help at home?

Any practical writing activities that you may do at home, encourage your child to help you write these e.g. shopping lists, thank you cards etc.

Children could draw their own dinosaur or favourite animal and describe them.

Phonics

This half term we are revising some of the sounds we have previously learnt, ensuring that the children are confident in recognising and applying them. We will then be progressing onto looking at more than one spelling choice for a sound.

How can I help at home?

Reading a word that contains the key sounds from their books and writing it out into a sentence will help them consolidate their sounds. Re-reading their books will help to build on their confidence and fluency.

Maths

We will be working on securing our knowledge of place value within 10. We will use apparatus, visual representations and written numbers to explore this. We will then move onto one more/one less and comparing numbers, using greater than and less than.

How can I help at home?

Any opportunities for your child to be able to count accurately e.g. the cutlery when laying the table, counting their toys etc. Encouraging your child to recognise any numbers around them that they see in their environment e.g. door numbers, car number plates etc. You could use the words greater than and less than in these contexts.



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Curriculum:

Science

We will be learning about animals this half term. The children will be sorting and grouping animals into different categories (e.g. mammals, birds and fish) as well as learning about what different animals eat. Finally we will be identifying and labelling different body parts of animals.

Personal Development

The children will be engaging in the topic of 'Being Me in My World' where they will be exploring themes such as having a sense of belonging and contributing to a learning charter.

Geography

We will be focussing on wonderful weather this half term. We will learn about different types of weathers, the four seasons, the months that belong in each season and how some extreme weather can be dangerous.

Computing

We will be learning about online safety and how to use technology safely and respectfully. We will also learn how to use the mouse/trackpad and develop keyboard skills.

Performing Arts

In Year 1 pupils study Performing Arts on a rotation. Pupils will have two terms of music, a half term of drama and a half term of dance. Penguins class are currently having drama lessons with Mr Skeel. They are learning how to use characterisation skills (voice, body language and facial expression) to tell stories and rhymes to the audience. In music, Robins class are learning to perform music, looking at the elements beat, pulse, rhythm, dynamics and pitch with Miss Green. Peacocks class with Mr Serino are singing variety of songs and learning how to begin performing these in lessons.

Art

The children will use natural resources to create dinosaur skin patterns by printing and rubbing. They will also be using paper and a variety of materials to create some dinosaur sculptures.

PE

Within our indoor PE lessons, the children will be developing their communication and problem solving skills. They will work individually, in pairs and in small groups, learning to take turns, work collaboratively and lead each other.

In outdoor PE they will be exploring the fundamental movement skills of balancing, running, changing direction, jumping, hopping and skipping.

Please can you encourage your child to dress themselves independently at home to help them when getting changed for PE in school.

Reminders / Key Dates:

Autumn term

5 September - 16 December

Training day

21 October

School closed for pupils

Half term

24 October - 28 October

Children return to school

31 October