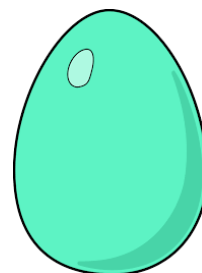


# St Johns Meads Reception Class



## Term 3

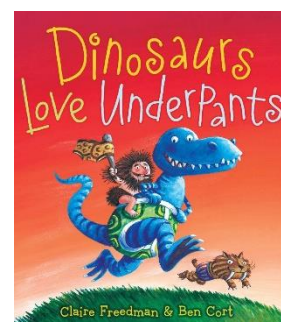
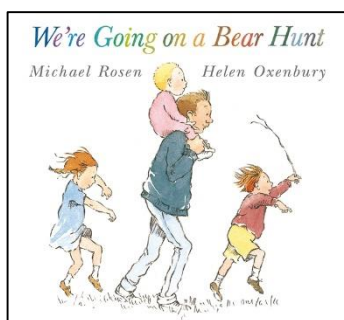
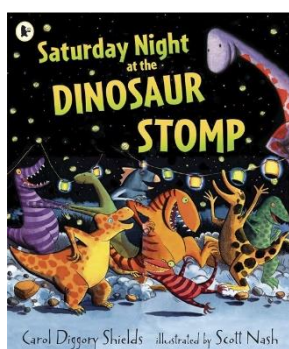
Dear Reception Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break.

This term we will be starting our topic of 'Long Long Ago' with focus on Dinosaurs! We will be exploring the names of different dinosaurs, finding out about how we know they existed, exploring the foods they like to eat as well as completing many art activities such as fossil making, dinosaur snack designing and making dinosaur eggs!

Thank you once again for all your continued support and we hope this will be another exciting and inspiring term for the children.

### Key Texts:



'We're going on a Dinosaur Hunt'

### 'News from home'

We have had some fantastic 'news from home' slips about home learning. Please keep these coming in!

These are slips which celebrate some of the learning that has been done at home and can be shared daily with the whole class. Please put these into your child's reading folder where it can easily be found. We look forward to seeing some amazing home learning! If you require some more slips please ask one of the reception team and we can give you some.

Did you know?



News from home



## Reading

The children's reading is coming along really well with many children beginning to recognise words from sight. Now that the children are using their sounds to blend new words, it is important that they begin to discuss each book in detail and understand the characters and what is happening in the story. A big thank you for your support in reading at home with your child, it is making a huge difference 😊. Please make sure you are **writing in your child's reading record diary when they have been read with.**

The children will be read with by an adult 2 times a week. Included in this will be a Guided Reading session where reading is done within a group, daily class phonics sessions and high frequency word practice.

## Phonics Books



Phonics books will be collected in on a Thursday with new sounds learnt that week going home on a Friday. These books are designed for the children to practise their phonics either through speaking, writing words or writing sentences. Please encourage your child to look at these as it will help them with their reading.

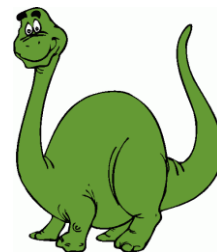
## Quick Reminders:

- ✓ Please make sure a coat is brought in **every day**.
- ✓ Please make sure water bottles are brought into school every day.
- ✓ Our PE days are **Monday and Tuesday** but please make sure PE kits remain in school all week in case this is changed.

## Super Home Learning Challenge!

You might like to choose one of the following activities to try with your child at home based on our topic of dinosaurs. You can bring these into school whenever they are finished to share with the class.

- Choose your favourite dinosaur and draw/paint a picture of it.
- Write a story about a dinosaur or the egg that came to our classroom!
- Make a dinosaur from junk modelling
- Create a house/habitat for a dinosaur to live in
- Other dinosaur activities...



Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or comments.

Miss Lever and the Reception Team 😊

## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be continuing our PSED sessions with Mr Crowley thinking about different areas of learning including healthy living and solving problems without always needing an adult.

In ICT we will be practising using the mouse and the keyboard to control games and programs on the computer. We will also be using ICT to inform our phonics learning.



## Communication & Language/ Literacy

This term our topic is 'Long Long Ago..' with focus on Dinosaurs. We will begin our topic by receiving a special delivery to our classroom! I wonder what could be inside...

This term we will be learning names of some of the dinosaurs, finding out where they existed and how do we know this as well as many other activities in our adult focus time and child initiated learning through play.

# Long Long Ago...



## Physical Development

This term we will be continuing our Skil sessions with Mr Angella on a Monday morning based on movement and dance. The skills learnt in this session will be built upon and reinforced in a second session with Miss Lever on a Tuesday. Please make sure PE kits are in school all week.

As we are beginning to become writers, we will be working on our fine motor control through handwriting and small movement activities.



## Expressive Arts & Design

In Art/DT we will be designing and making our own dinosaur fossils and dinosaur eggs by carefully following instructions!

We will also be looking at where dinosaurs lived and be thinking about how we can use construction materials to make habitats and dinosaur 'houses'.



## Mathematics

In maths we are focusing on being measurement explorers! We will be discovering the size and measurements of dinosaur footprints that arrive in our classroom and be thinking about organising objects in size order.

We shall also be taking the measurements of a giant dinosaur and be comparing this to ourselves! As well as this we will begin to look at addition and finding the total of two sets.



## Understanding the World

This term we have a big focus on Dinosaurs! We shall be exploring how we know that dinosaurs existed long long ago and be designing and making our own dinosaur fossils. We will also be looking at parts of a dinosaur, labelling these and thinking about how they are different to our own bodies. As well as this we will be looking at what dinosaurs eat and be linking this to our own healthy eating.

