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We are well underway into Term 3 and lots of exciting learning and progress is taking place already!

This term we will be focusing on our topic of Long, long, long ago... Dinosaurs! We will be making many links across the curriculum and are very excited for this topic.

Here are a few reminders for Term 3.

Homework:

Spellings

In Year 1, phonics or sentence writing sheets will be given out on a Friday linked to the phonics and High Frequency Words we have been learning in the classroom. These need to be completed by the following Thursday.

Reading

Your child will read with an adult 2 to 3 times a week. One of these sessions will be a guided reading session and the others will be 1:1 sessions.



The books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. We are encouraging the children to read as much as possible at home, this could be their reading book, a library book or a book from our 'Book Drop Box'. To show that your child has read, please could you write in their reading record books.

PE

The children will continue their PE sessions on a Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure they have their PE kit in school for these lessons. Please also ensure PE kit is labelled clearly with your child's name.



The children have settled brilliantly into Year 1 and are looking forward to a very busy term. Please do come and see me in the playground in the mornings or after school with any matters you wish to talk about.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Pope and Mrs Pollard



Creative Development

DT- Designing and making multi-media dinosaur collages and clay fossils.

Art- Exploring colour, looking at tones and shades.

Music- The children will be using percussion instruments to create their own sea sounds and compositions.

Personal and Social Development

This term we will be focusing on 'Going for Goals', thinking about what we want to achieve and the most effective ways of achieving them.

Communication, Language and Literacy

We will be looking in depth at information texts about Dinosaurs, discussing facts, planning and producing our own information booklets.

We will also be focusing on the story of 'Tyrannosaurus Drip', using our imagination, retelling the story, investigating the characters and rewriting our own versions.

We will be having phonics sessions every day, learning how to say, spell and use different sounds.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

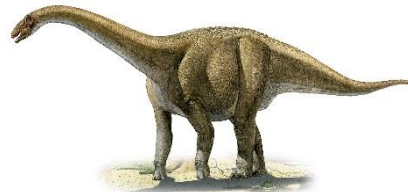
ICT- We will be learning how to use and create pictures and images on the computer and make our own information posters.

RE- Year 1 will be learning about the Bible and the stories that Jesus told.

History - We are learning about the history of Dinosaurs and developing an understanding of the past.

Geography - Year 1 will be learning about the landscape in the past compared to now. We will also explore fossils in detail.

Long, long, long ago...Dinosaurs!



Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy

Year 1 will be focusing on a range of maths skills. A lot of our mathematics work will be practical based activities to embed our mathematical ideas. We will be developing our understanding of number as well as carrying out lots of problem solving around measurement: length, weight and capacity.

Physical Development

The children will be continuing their SKiL sessions on a Friday morning with Mr Angella.

This will be reinforced and built upon during a PE session on a Wednesday afternoon with Miss Pope.

They will also be creating dances inspired by the story book 'Dinosaur Stomp'.