

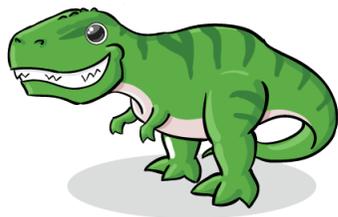
Physical Education

We will continue to get changed for our PE sessions on a Tuesday this term. Please can you ensure your child's PE kit is in school (T-shirt, shorts, plimsolls). We will be focussing on our skills on control and movement to music including dance and yoga.

As the weather can be unpredictable, please make sure your child has a warm waterproof coat in school everyday - as well as hats, scarves and gloves for cold days and welly boots if it is wet or snowy. We try to use our outside areas everyday and the children love experiencing everything the British climate throws at us!

We hope you and your child have a great half term with us. Please feel free to come and speak to us about any questions you have.

Mrs McFarlane and Mrs Rogers

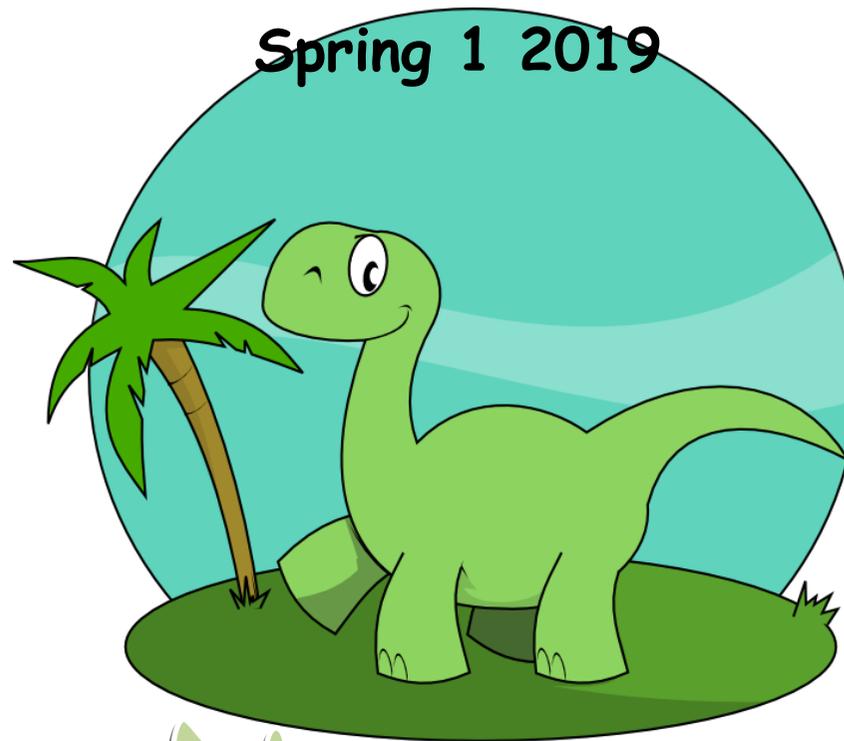


Dates for your Diary - more dates maybe added during the term so please keep checking your child's book bag and our class notice board.

Week Beginning 4th February	Chinese New Year focus week
15th February	Last day of the half term
More information on all events to follow.	

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Dinosaurs



All Saints CE School and Nursery,

Bishop's Stortford

Happy New Year! We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your kind gifts last term. We appreciated them greatly.



The children have returned this term full of enthusiasm and joy for learning, and we hope they will enjoy our focus work this term. Many of the class love stories about creatures and playing with them in our small world areas so we have decided to expand this interest through focused work on dinosaurs. We will be grabbing your children's imagination with a special 'egg' that will hatch into a dinosaur. If your child would like to bring in anything relating to the topic, we would love to share with them.

Literacy



We will be practising our listening and speaking skills with small group circle times and providing lots of discussion stimulus with a dinosaur focus. We will be exploring what makes us unique and special through our Talk for Writing story "The Little Dinosaur" which the children will learn to tell using actions and drama over the next few weeks.

We will be introducing the Oxford Reading Tree characters and using the first level of books to see how stories are structured, suggest possible endings and to predict what will happen next. We will use our interest in dinosaurs to use information texts and the computers to find out facts about our favourite dinosaurs. We will be using whiteboards, markers, post cards and post-it notes to practise 'writing' and will turn our sound board into a gallery for our work.



Our Tuesday book sharing and library session which grown ups are invited to will continue and we look forward to seeing as many grown ups as possible at 11.40am on Tuesdays.

We shall continue with our daily phonics sessions, practising our listening skills through games and activities. We will still have a weekly sound that we learn and ask children to bring in objects starting with that sound for our Friday 'Show and Tell' session.

Maths



Our maths focus this term is counting and number recognition up to 10. We will also be looking at mathematical terms such as more/less and most/least. We will be exploring shape and using positional language to describe and make repeating patterns. Focusing on our 'Dinosaur' topic, we will be comparing and measuring different types of dinosaurs.

The wider curriculum

During our creative activities, we will be inspired by dinosaurs. We will be making 3D models and investigating ways of joining materials together to represent our favourite ones. We will be looking at patterns and texture to decorate the reptiles and making footprint patterns to follow and track the dinosaurs down.



Each Thursday we will focus on 'Understanding the World' and changes. We will be cooking and trying different foods; exploring the natural world with investigations in the classroom and outside and looking at animals that live in an environment different from our own. Unfortunately the resources and ingredients for these activities add up, so we do ask for a **voluntary contribution of £4 per half term.**