

Year 1 Learning Letter

Year 1 Spring Home Learning

ESSENTIAL each week:

This Term's Projects

Our new project this spring term is 'Digging Up the Past' where we will be learning all about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores through dinosaurs. Next month we will be visiting Dinosaur World in Torquay and discovering what life was like when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

After half term we will be investigating animals in our 'Fur, Fins and Feathers' project, which will focus around animal groups and discovering what makes each group unique. To help us with our research skills, we will be visiting Exeter Library for a morning of activities.

Reading

x3 sessions of up to 10-15 minutes reading the Guided Reading or other book to a grown up.

Maths

x3 sessions practising the current maths skills that your teacher has selected on Education City. We are looking for 100% completion of all activities by the end of April.

Don't forget the ICT Suite is open after school on Mondays.

OPTIONAL to enjoy over the Spring Term to further support your child's learning and skills. How much time to spend of each task will depend on the activity. A good rule to go by is... enough time to enjoy but not too much time to make learning a chore.

Mathematics

Our focus this term will be applying and extending our maths knowledge. We will be concentrating on additive reasoning, solving one step problems involving addition and subtraction. We will also be focusing on measure, money and time. This will involve counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and developing our understanding of the number system.

We will be practising counting forward and backwards to 100. Please help by playing 'Snakes and Ladders' or similar number games at home.

English

In English, we will be starting our term with a non-fiction book, 'Dino Dinners'. This book will help us become fantastic sentence writers as we create a class dinosaur fact book of our own. We will continue to develop our story writing throughout the term and keep working on using Golden Sentences. These are sentences that start with a capital letter, have finger spaces and a full stop at the end.

In handwriting, we are determined to work on our presentation and formation and develop our writing, using TISIWIRI (Think it, Say it, Write it, Read it).

Draw: Draw some Spring flowers. Keep a look out for snowdrops and daffodils, our earliest flowers.

Research: Find out what these words mean: paleontologist, fossil, predator, extinct.

Visit:

<https://islanublar.jurassicworld.com/dinosaurs/apatosaurus/> to learn all about different dinosaurs and their diets.

Go to: Lyme Regis Museum or Lyme Regis/Charmouth beach to do some fossil-hunting.

If you fancy a live show:

<https://exeternorthcott.co.uk/calendar/dinosaur-world-live/>

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Bring your home learning into class to *celebrate* at any time.

*Did you know that you can print off certificates from Education City?*



*'Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known.'*

*Carl Sagan*

## Last term we .....



- Created and performed the Nativity at Christmas.
- Learnt all about our bodies and our senses.
- Thought about our 'mindset' and reminded ourselves of Kelso's choices.
- Went on an exciting trip to the Phoenix Theatre to watch 'Puffin Island'.
- Wrote our own 'Elephant and the Mouse' story.

We had lots of time to learn and explore.



## Out and About

We are halfway through winter and enjoying fresh and frosty mornings. Keep a look out for the birds this winter. Why not help them out with bird seed ornaments which can be made at home.

Visit: <http://mamapapabubba.com/2012/11/14/cookie-cutter-bird-seed-feeders-a-toddler-friendly-method/>



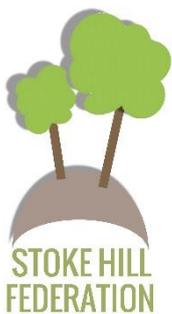
## Did you know...?

The word dinosaur means terrifying lizard. This word was invented by Sir Richard Owen in 1842

The oldest known dinosaur is an eoraptor, a meat-eater that lived 228 million years ago.

On Chinese New Year 2019 (5<sup>th</sup> February) it will be the year of the pig.

In spring many animals have babies, such as calves, ducklings and lambs.



*inspire*

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*discover*

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*succeed*