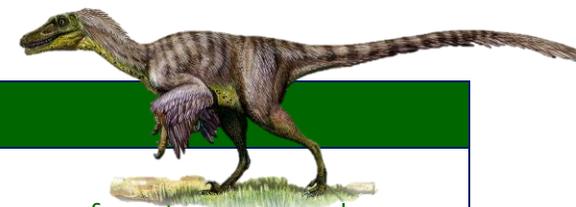


EYFS Term 3 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome back!

We hope you had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed spending time with loved ones.

It has been so lovely to see so many of you using Tapestry to share your children's learning and experiences. We hope that you continue to do this over the next term!

If you are unsure of anything, we are always happy to answer any questions you have on Dojo!

Learning Rationale/Statement of Aims:

Millions of years ago, dinosaurs roamed the earth! Come with us on a journey of exploration and investigation to discover all about extinct and endangered creatures. This topic will encourage children to examine and understand the pre-historic and living world which are endlessly fascinating. Dinosaurs survived for an astounding 160 million years and children will learn about them in an interactive way.

On their journey of discovery, they will learn all about the different pre-historic periods and the types of dinosaurs that roamed our very different world. Dinosaurs were reptiles but very different from the reptiles we know today and children will group and classify them according to physical features, habitats, and eating habits. Children will use a range of digital media techniques and animations to inspire creative writing all about these magnificent beasts. Also, we will investigate their sheer size through Maths and use this to solve investigations based on number.

The children will take on the role of palaeontologists and carefully uncover fossils and try to piece them together. Will they find a new species of dinosaur? We will also learn about climate change and how this affects the animal kingdom. The children will discover that even some of today's animals are endangered. They will begin to think about how humans can make changes to save our planet and the creatures living on it.



Key Dates

4th January – Term 3 starts
13th January - First family learning session
12th February – Last day of term

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about Dreams and Goals by staying motivated when taking on a new challenge or problem. Having lots of opportunities to work with my friend or as a team and trying to help my friends reach their goals as well as my own!



Literacy

Using our Extinct and Endangered theme children will explore stories with familiar settings such as 'Linus the Vegetarian T. Rex', 'Dinosaur Roar' and the animation 'Dinosaurs' to develop their story telling skills. Linked to our work in Geography, children will read non-fiction texts to find out about a range of dinosaurs and their characteristics. Children will respond to poetry and stories, listening to and joining in with repetitive patterns and rhyme.

This term we will also be introducing 'Play Plans' linked to our topic. This builds on 'Plan do Review' and will give the children the opportunity to record a plan for their week, collect resources and complete what they set out to do.

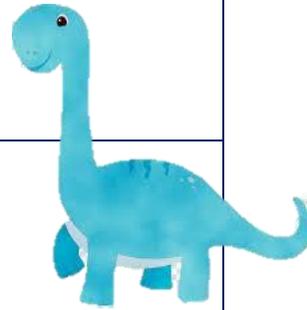


Maths

Children will continue to develop their understanding of the number system, focusing on number recognition, sequencing and writing numbers. They will become more confident in sharing and grouping objects and numbers.

They will also use a variety of contexts e.g. money, length and capacity, to problem solve.

Children will learn to use a wide range of measuring apparatus and use both standard and non-standard units of measurement.



How can you help at home?

- Use your letter sounds to sound out objects around your home e.g. t-a-p = tap and c-ar = car
- Point out places you have been on a map. How did you get there? Car, Train, Aeroplane?
- Sing along to your favourite song. Can you clap the beat?
- Can you see the Primary colours? (Red, blue and yellow) Use paints to mix them together. What different colours can you make? How can you make green?
- Collect reclaimed materials to bring into school for our DT project. What box would make a great dinosaur body? What could you use for a long neck?
- Can you draw a map of a museum? What dinosaurs are in the different areas? Can you add labels?
- Can you make your own dinosaur world in your garden? Make shelters for the dinosaurs. What could you use for the watering hole?

Books to explore

Little Kids First Big Book of Dinosaurs by Catherine Hughes; First Dinosaur Encyclopaedia (DK); Dinosaur A to Z (DK); Ten Terrible Dinosaurs by Paul Stickland; Dinosaurs in My School by Timothy Knapman; Dinosaurs in the Supermarket by Timothy Knapman; Winnie's Dinosaur Day by Valerie Thomas; Dinosaurs Love Underpants by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort.

Websites to visit

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/dinosaur-facts> for dinosaur facts
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/playlist-andys-prehistoric-raps> dinosaur raps!
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