

Reception

Happy new year to you all and all the best for 2019.

A new year and a new school, very exciting!!!!

The theme we will be following is **Dinosaurs** which I know the children will enjoy. They will become dinosaur explorers and find out various facts about these prehistoric creatures. We will look at the time in history certain dinosaurs lived, their habitats and eating habits. Our role play area will be based on dinosaurs where the children will be able to use the facts that they have learnt and use them in their play.

The children's writing skills will continue to progress through opportunities to write facts using books and the internet for information and fiction based on dinosaurs, in particular, using 'Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs' books.

Their reading skills and understanding will develop through weekly guided reading sessions where the children will read the same text together in small groups then questions and discussion based on the book and characters will follow.

The maths non-negotiables will be planned for daily and activities will be based on these.

The children will start bringing maths games home every **Tuesday** which need to be returned the following **Monday**. If they are not returned on the Monday your child will not be able to receive another game until the following week. Please play these games with your child, encouraging correct mathematical vocabulary e.g. more than, less than, add, altogether and so on. Please check all contents are put back in the plastic wallet after every game and please write a comment about the game and how your child managed it or enjoyed it in the **back** of their blue Pathway books. The games cover various aspects of maths and are at different levels of difficulty, we hope you enjoy them together and the children will learn from them too.

On a **Friday** the children will continue to bring home a piece of handwriting/phonics homework to be returned the following **Tuesday**. If this homework is completed earlier then send it in. Could you make sure your child completes the task with a sharp **pencil** while sitting correctly at a table so s/he can do the best work they can. Your child needs to be holding the pencil correctly and forming each letter in the correct way, assist if you need to. Please add a comment in the box at the bottom of each sheet linked to their handwriting effort and their phonic ability. I hope the children enjoy their homework and delight in showing you what they are capable of. If you have any queries about these tasks, please come and ask me.

Please continue reading and practising letter sounds and word building with your child as often as possible and **please, please, please** remember to write in your child's Pathway book each time you read.

Physical development in the hall is still every Wednesday morning and we have the final sessions of Debutots to complete on a Tuesday morning.

Mrs C A Parker Mrs J Aydeniz Mrs J Fryer Mrs C Foster Mrs A McNab Mrs C McGeary