

**Key Stage 1
Newsletter
8th October 2018**

Over the last few weeks your children have settled well into their new classroom and are becoming more familiar with their new routines.

The children have all really engaged with our first topic of the year; 'Dinosaur Planet' and have been loving finding out facts and sharing these with each other and using them in their learning.

Throughout the year, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see me.

I look forward to sharing our learning with you as the year goes on.

Miss O'Hare

Dates for the diary:

- 10th October – Harvest assembly
- 11th October – NSPCC Sponsored Workout
- 16th October – KS1 Celebration assembly – parents welcome (9am)**
- 17th October – Animal experience**

Week beginning 22nd October -
HALF TERM



As you know, the first theme of this year is 'Dinosaur Planet'. The children have immersed themselves in becoming mini palaeontologists; reading dinosaur facts, writing their own riddles, poems and fact files and studying fossils!



We are also really looking forward to the fantastic finish of our topic with our 'animal experience' visit on Wednesday 17th October 2018. We will make sure you get to see lots of photos of our hands-on experience.

In science, we will be learning about the differences between the teeth of carnivores and herbivores. We will also be looking at dinosaur skeletons and identifying the key parts of the body. We will compare dinosaur skeletons to lizard skeletons and those of other reptiles. This learning will lend itself greatly to our animal visit.

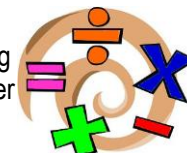
In our topic lessons, we will focus on studying fossils and learn about some significant palaeontologists such as Mary Anning.

We will be linking our learning about dinosaurs in P.E. lessons too to look at moving in a variety of ways like different dinosaurs and creating a dinosaur themed whole-class dance.



Maths

Throughout the Autumn term, we will be focusing on place value and general confidence in number knowledge. This will then be followed by looking at appropriate methods for the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). The year 2's will always be focusing on their times table knowledge starting with the ten, two and five times tables (in that order).



Some KS1 Classroom routines & reminders:

Reading planners will be checked on a Monday morning to complete reading reward bookmarks. If a child needs to **change their reading book** their book and planner needs to be placed in the blue tray by the classroom door. Books will then be changed that day.

Home learning will be marked on a Friday and set for the week ahead on a Friday. If there is a note that you would like me to read and respond to, please ask your child to put their book in the blue tray. I will then aim to respond to the note the same day.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and **spelling tests will take place on a Thursday**. We will aim to record the score from spelling tests in the home learning books.

Miss Newlove will teach the class on a Tuesday.

Please ensure children have a **water bottle** in school as this is more easily accessible than using the water fountain during learning times. School water bottles are available from the office.

Our **P.E. days are Tuesday and Friday**. Tuesday P.E. will usually be outside (weather permitting).