



# Barford St Peter's

## C. of E. (VA) Primary School

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Welcome back! I hope you have all had a great Christmas holiday and are looking forward to the New Year at school! This half term, as well as the activities planned from the children's own learning and interests we will be learning about...

### Dinosaurs

We will base our work on a range of books including Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs (Ian Whybrow), Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish (Michael Foreman), Dance of the Dinosaurs (Colin and Jacqui Hawkins) and a variety of non-fiction books.



**In Reception activities are of a cross-curricular nature. This half term's activities will include...** naming and describing different dinosaurs, creating a dinosaur dance, measuring dinosaur footprints, making dinosaur eggs, dinosaur small world play, directing beebots around our dinosaur world. We will also be thinking about our world, how it was created and how we can look after it now. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year.



In Reception the children will continue to have a daily phonics session practicing all single letter sounds and blends (using Jolly Phonics) and lots of opportunities to blend and segment words. We will continue to build their knowledge of tricky words and offer lots of activities that encourage them to become independent readers and writers. We will begin to introduce some reading scheme books that have tricky words in them.

We will also have a daily counting activity and continue to count to 20 and beyond and play number recognition and counting games so that children can recognise all numbers to 20 confidently out of context. We will be adding and subtracting in practical situations and begin to record using pictures and signs, measure using non-standard measures eg. cubes and recognise and describe simple 2D and 3D shapes.

**At home...** Talk to your children about dinosaurs and please encourage them to bring in any books or objects that might be of interest in school. Please continue to send in contributions to your child's Home Journal. Home Journals can be taken home whenever you wish.

**We would be very grateful for the following...** please put a change of underwear and socks or tights in your child's PE bag in case of accidents and name all clothes!

If you have any queries please do come in and ask.

Madeleine Garner