

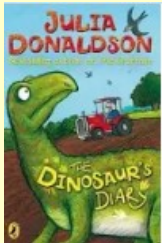
Year 2 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed your summer holidays and have lots of energy for our exciting topics this year!

English

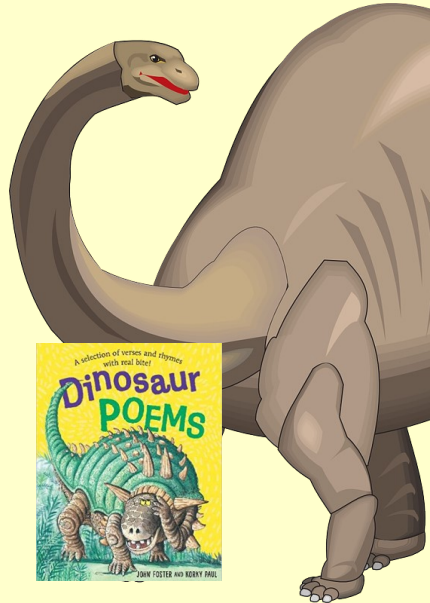
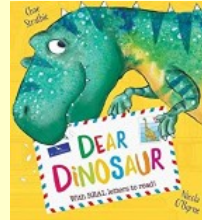
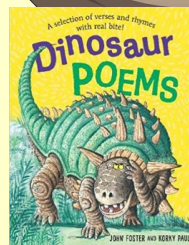
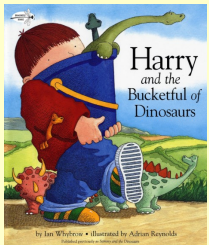
This term our English work will all be based around our exciting topic.

'Dinosaur Roar'



We will develop our understanding of word classes and sentence structure learning how to write descriptions, stories, poems and letters. Spelling and handwriting will be a key focus throughout the year as will developing our reading and comprehension skills. Children will continue to access Read Write Inc Phonics until they finish the scheme when they will then take part in whole class guided reading sessions to further build on fluency and comprehension skills.

Weekly spellings will be given on the Homework Menu which will be available on our school website and children will have their own log-ins for Spelling Shed to play spelling games and practise at home. Spellings will be tested weekly on Mondays. Children requiring extra support with spelling may receive additional words to reinforce at home. After half-term, our topic of London provides us with lots of reading and writing opportunities as we learn about the Gunpowder Plot and The Great Fire of London, further developing our grammar and spelling work at the same time.



RE We begin our school year looking at Beginnings. We will look at The Creation and new beginnings in our life. This leads us on to Signs and Symbols where we will look at Baptism. We will study a world religion this term it is Judaism. Children will discover the food Jews eat during special celebrations as well as increasing their knowledge of the Jewish religion. Our final topic of the half term leads us into Christmas and its Preparations. We look at how Christians prepare for Christmas and the Christmas story. Throughout the term children will be involved in planning and delivering collective worship.

Maths We begin the year by reinforcing our understanding of numbers to one hundred and the place value of digits. This term we concentrate on ordering, comparing and writing numerals and number words to 100. We also develop an understanding of place value in two digit numbers, for example knowing that 72 is 70+2. We will continue to work on addition and subtraction facts up to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100. Counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. Also learn, confidently the 2, 5, & 10 times tables. In measurement we will be handling money combining amounts to make a given value, making equal amounts and giving change. We continue to use lots of practical resources and active learning in our maths lessons to really bring the topics to life!



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Daily Checklist: Water bottles, reading book & record book. PE Kit Thurs & Fri.

Science

We begin with a topic where we learn all about habitats and foodchains.

After half-term, we begin to investigate different materials and their properties, learning about the importance of recycling.

Geography Our dinosaur topic will provide plenty of inspiration for our

‘Magical Mapping’ topic in geography where we develop our skills as geographers.

History After half-term we begin our fascinating topic about The Great Fire of London



PE

PE lessons will be on Thursdays and Fridays, one session will be with Mrs Tattersdill the other Mr Sheahan.

The children will develop their fundamental movement skills and take part in : dance, gymnastics and games sessions.



Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

We will ensure that children are active for at least 30 minutes a day. This includes active learning and brain breaks as well as playtimes and lunchtimes

Art & DT

Our lovely topics allow us lots of opportunity for artistic activities including drawing, painting, sculpting as well as collage and model-making.

ICT

This term children will use a variety of programs on the computer to support their work throughout the curriculum, including researching and collating information. Using the Purple Mash scheme we begin the year studying coding. We will also look at online safety and children will be introduced to spreadsheets.

Music

We are very lucky to have Mr Harbisher from Tees Valley Music to teach us music this term where we will play a variety of instruments as well as developing our singing talents.

