



# Our theme this half term is...

# Dinosaur Discovery!

## Creative Curriculum

During our first week back the children have been learning all about animals in our science week. They have been naming animals, sorting them into different groups and thinking about what they eat.

For the next few weeks our topic will be all about dinosaurs.

During this exciting topic we will be learning all about the dinosaurs; where they came from, how big they were, what they ate and what happened to them.

The children will have chance to learn lots of dinosaur names and facts about them. They will be drawing and painting dinosaur pictures and learning about dinosaur life cycles.

We will also be learning about Mary Anning the famous fossil hunter.

Later in the half term we will be learning about the Christmas story

## We need your help

### Supporting learning

#### Reading

Please send home reading bags to school every day so children can use them to take home letters, spellings etc as well as their books. Please continue reading as much as possible at home as reading progresses faster when parents listen to their child read daily. Please complete the record book as a log of books read. If you choose to read other books as well as the ones sent from school feel free to record those in the home reading record too. We regularly assess every child's reading and provide them with books within a "band" according to their ability to read but also to understand and talk about what they have read. There are a range of texts at each level, some books have few words. Ask your child to tell you about the story or information from

## Literacy

In Literacy this half term we will be focusing on the following:

- Predicting what will happen in a story before we read it.
- Writing clear sentences with capital letters, descriptive adjectives and the correct punctuation.
- Using conjunctions to extend sentences.
- Learning story maps to help us re-tell stories.
- Writing character descriptions.
- Writing non-fiction reports about dinosaurs.
- Forming our letters correctly

#### Diary Dates:

Tuesday 19th December—Reception and KS1 Nativity for parents @ 2:00pm.

Wednesday 20th December -Christmas

### Oxford Owl

Try logging onto the Oxford Owl website. Sign up is free and there are over 350 Oxford Reading Tree ebooks which you can share with your children. These will work on pc or tablet and have activities to complete for each book too.

### Inspire Maths

We are now using the Inspire Maths scheme in KS1. On the school website are some parent guides on how to help your child with their

**On PE days please ensure your child wears dark coloured jogging bottoms and white t-shirt with a school jumper or cardigan over the top—no hoodies please.**

## Numeracy –

### Year 1

- Count from 0 –10.
- Read and write numbers and number words 0-10.
- Use terms more than/fewer when comparing sets of objects.
- Use cubes to show number bonds to 10.
- Adding and subtracting within 10.

### Year 2.

- Recognise, read and write numbers to 40 in digits and words and make concrete representations.
- Represent numbers as some tens and some ones on a place value chart.
- Compare numbers using the terms more than, less than, greatest, smallest.
- Adding two 2 digit numbers using the counting on method.
- Subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers from 2 digit numbers.
- Solving 1 step addition and subtraction

the pictures.

### Homework

**Keep up the hard work with spellings, children are tested on a random 6 of these each week.**

**From now on every 2 weeks children will bring home a maths skills homework sheet. Please work through this with your child and help them with any they are stuck on then return it to school.**

**Please remember to try out the Letterjoin website using your login.**

**1/2B and 1/2C return all home-**

**Thank you, KS1 Staff.**