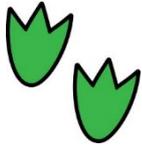
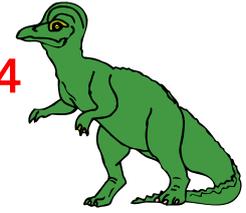


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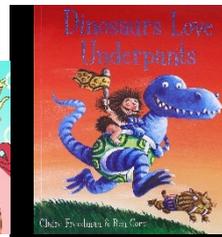
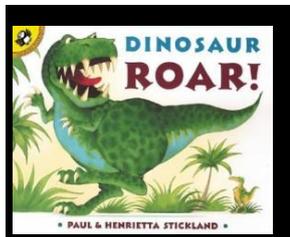
Reception Newsletter - Term 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and we hope you all had a restful half term holiday. I can't quite believe we are half way through the year now!

Our topic this term is 'Dinosaurs', where we will be learning about different types of 'terrible Lizards' and all sorts of maths and fact based information about them. We will have a go at some dinosaur dancing, learn some poems and songs and hopefully create a fantastic assembly on Thursday 14th March for you to all come and see to show off our fantastic knowledge.



Key Texts

Areas of Learning

Literacy: Our focus in literacy this term is to secure our phase 3 phonic knowledge to write sentences, instructions and stories through talk for writing. In reading, our phonics knowledge, high frequency and tricky words will develop further from our reading of key texts and sharing and discussing new stories together. We would like to continue to have parent readers in on a Tuesday afternoon and we are making time to have pride in our developing reading of our own and our friends writing. We will continue to use the library and learn about non-fiction and information books.

Maths: In maths we will be exploring measure and size. Becoming more confident in the language of weight, height, length, capacity, time and money. We will be continuing to secure our number skills to 20 and then exploring addition and subtraction with games and activities. We will continue to develop our mathematical vocabulary about positions and directions.

Parent Readers and Learning Journeys

If you have the time, on a Tuesday afternoon which you can come and read a story to the class. We would love readers from 2.55-3.15pm, so please feel free to pop in on any week. (if you jot down a date at the bottom of your child's weekly homework to let us know when you can make it)

As explained when the children began school, you are welcome to bring in any photos or contributions for the learning journey books. We have sent more 'wow' stars home for you to record any fantastic things they have been doing at home.

Home Learning

Thanks to constant practise, the children's reading is developing well. Thank you to all of you who support this at home. It really does make a difference.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just for a few minutes. Now that the children are using their sounds to blend new words, it is important that they begin to discuss each book and understand words such as 'character', 'title', 'setting', 'beginning', 'middle', 'end'.
Letters and Sounds	The weekly homework letter will continue to come home with the sounds that we have been learning. We are moving on to phase 4 phonics, which consolidates and practises the understanding of phase 2 and 3 phonics. We learn how to try to read two syllable words and blend consonants in words such as 'tree' or 'black'. Please keep looking through your phonics and tricky word books with your child. New words to blend and learn are highlighted each week. Little and often is best.

Super Home Challenges!

You might like to choose one of the following activities to try with your child at home. You record these in your home learning book and can bring these into school whenever they are finished to share with the class.

- Bring in a dinosaur related book, toy or game to share with the class and maybe help us create our own 'DINOSAUR MUSEUM'
- Find out about a dinosaur that you are really interested in and take photos of you reading and researching it at home
- Make a model of a dinosaur

Maple Class Assembly

We would like to invite you in on Thursday 14th March to come and find out about what we have been learning. We will have a short assembly to share our topic work with you from 2.45-3pm.

Trip to Drusilla's

We are planning a trip to Drusilla's with Willow Class on Wednesday 27th March. A letter with details will give you more information nearer the time.

Quick Reminders

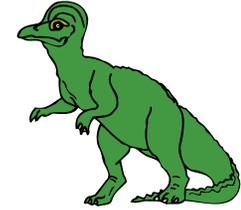
- Please can you make sure your child brings in a **water bottle** and their **book bags each day**.
- Our PE days are Monday and Friday but **PE kits should be in all week**.
- Please can all children have a spare set of underwear and socks in their PE bag in case of any accidents. It is much more comforting for children to have their own change of clothes to put on if the need arises.
- Library time- We are changing our library day to Tuesday, so if your child wishes to borrow a book, they must return it on a Tuesday before borrowing another one.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or comments.

Mrs Sanders and Miss Bews



Dinosaurs Learning Map



What are we doing this term?

Literacy



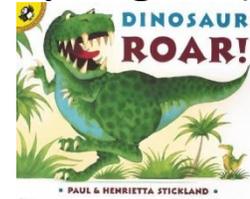
Letters & Sounds



Information and fact writing



Books, rhyming and poetry



Maths



Measuring size and distance



Data Handling



How many coloured dinosaurs can you count in 1 minute?

Expressive Art & Design



Acting out and recording our stories on ipads



Singing dinosaur songs and painting pictures

Understanding the world



Different environments where dinosaurs lived
volcanoes



Carnivores and herbivores



Personal, Social and Emotional



Working together and listening to each other



Talking about our emotions



Physical Development



Dinosaur dance



Manipulating clay



Communication & Language



Talking about the past and the future



Asking 'How?' and 'Why?' questions

