

# Nursery Newsletter



Spring 1



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Dear Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Welcome back to another busy half-term of learning. Our topic is Dinosaurs. We are learning that dinosaurs are creatures that lived a long time ago. We are focusing on the key words 'past' and 'present'. Next, we will learn about different species of dinosaurs and name their key features. Finally, we will find out what each dinosaur was known for, for example, on land, in the sea or the sky. We will create fact files to recall our knowledge.



## Literacy

We will read various fiction and non-fiction books that link to our theme, 'Dinosaurs,' and learn new poems, rhymes and songs. Our story focus is 'The Gruffalo.' First, we will be exploring our forest area and natural materials. We will then create a story map and recall new vocabulary and phrases.



## Maths

To start the half-term, we will look at the length and height linked to dinosaur bones. Next, we will continue to embed number knowledge to 5 and begin to count beyond. Next, we will learn to represent a number in different ways, such as using numicon, recording using marks and various objects. Finally, we will be exploring patterns and shapes.

In art, we focus on an artist. Previously, the children enjoyed creating work by Henri Matisse using collage materials. As our artist this half-term is Jackson Pollock, we will use abstract splatter painting techniques.



## Important Dates

Wed 8-Feb- Parents Eve  
Thurs 9-Feb - Parents Eve  
w/c 13-Feb Half-Term

## Home Learning

Each week we post a home learning challenge which can be found on **tapestry**. Please complete the task and share it with us. You can also add any home experiences and achievements.



### Key messages

**Star Reader** Please fill in your child's record book, tick, sign, or comment.

Please remember Library is on **Thursday**. Please return books so your child can choose another one.



## Phonics

We will continue to embed previous sounds learnt during our phonics session. We follow the Little Wandle Scheme. We are now focusing on **m, d, g, o, c, k** and finding objects that begin with the same sound and oral blending, such as d-o-g.

## Physical Development

This half-term we are focusing on introducing the fundamental skills for PE. We will also explore dance using different types of music.



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