

## Reception Newsletter – Spring 1

### **Welcome**

Welcome to Spring 1. Our topic this half term is called 'Dinosaur Discovery'. We will be learning about dinosaurs and fossils what they look like where they can be found. The children will be involved in a special morning digging for fossils and having a visit from a dinosaur.

### **Phonics**

We are moving forward with our phonics and reading. The children are becoming more confident with their letter sounds and blending of words. We will be moving onto phase 3 of phonics which will support writing.

**Phonics**

### **Literacy**

The children will start writing Pop (ask you child about Pop) sentences every morning, this is to encourage use of their phonic knowledge and develop their independence in writing. We will be doing lots of writing based around Dinosaur's, stories and their characters. Children will be encouraged to read simple phrases and sentences. Forming lower case and capital letters.



### **Maths**

Within our maths sessions the children will build upon their number knowledge, practice counting backwards and forwards from 10. They will learn how to use a tens frame to support their counting and understanding of number bonds to 10. There will also be the opportunity for the children to explore 3D shapes as well as building upon the children's pattern work by the introduction of more complex patterns.

### **Communication and language**

We will continue to encourage the children to listen and make comments about their learning.

Also encourage them to express their ideas and feelings using full understandable sentences.



### **Personal, social and emotional development**

We will continue to support the children to make positive relationships with both their peers and the adults in Rabbits class. The children will continue to develop an understanding of the school rules as well as the class rules. We will continue to encourage independence.



### **Physical development**

We will continue to provide activities to further develop the children's fine motor skills which in turn will help with their letter formation. The children will continue to take part in our PE sessions on a Thursday and Friday.



### **Understanding the world**

Our topic 'Dinosaur Discovery' will give the children a greater understanding of the differences between past and present.



### **Helping your child learn at home**

Continue to support your child to be independent, putting on and taking off their own coats and shoes.

Support your child with their reading on a regular basis.] and encourage the love of reading.

Encourage your child to write their name independently.

Encourage correct letter formation especially the letters within their names.

Support your children to recognise, sort and count numbers confidently 0-10.



### **Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



### **Rewards**

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



### **Class information**

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Duff

**Teaching Assistants:** Miss Porch and Mrs Richards

Please discourage your children from bringing their own toys to school.

In order to keep books and letters in good condition we ask that all children bring a bag to school every day.

**Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.**

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

### **Dates for the diary!**



#### **Spring 1**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Training Day

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Training Day

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens to pupils

W/B 12<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Workshare Sessions (Maths) – days and timings tbc

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – school closes for Half Term



#### **Spring 2**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens to pupils

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening; 4-7pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening; 3.30-6pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose day – tbc

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – school closes for Easter

