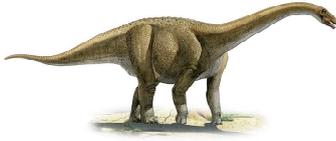


Windmill Primary School



Reception Curriculum Newsletter
Spring 1 Dinosaurs!



Dear Parents/Carers,

We cannot believe it is Christmas already, where did the Autumn term go? Our Once upon a Time/ Christmas theme has been amazing. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it, getting so much learning from the theme and they are absolute superstars at reciting the story of The Little Red Hen. Thank you to those of you who attended the recent Stay and Play sessions - look out for the next date.

Our Spring 1 topic is called Dinosaurs!

Communication and Language

We will be giving the children lots of opportunities to explore language in role play and re-enacting a variety of stories. We will be looking at widening the children's vocabulary and understanding the structure of books including understanding the difference between fiction and non-fiction. We will also be learning a few dinosaur facts of course!

Physical Development

We will be exploring different types of balances (seated, standing and jumping) through stories called Monkey Business and Journey to the Blue Planet. The children will practise their skills through songs and stories, working independently or with a partner and then apply these skills in a range of activities.

Literacy

In Literacy, the children will be starting a new Talk 4 Writing story which they will learn off by heart complete with actions. This will form the basis of our learning throughout the term. They will also be continuing with their Read, Write, Inc sessions where they will be using their phonic sounds in order to help to read and write. The children love these lessons and it is a lively and positive way to learn. Regular practise of blending both in and out of school is essential. Please support your child with the sounds and words that are sent home in their phonics pack. This term we will also be encouraging your child to become more confident at having a go at writing sentences independently.

Please continue to read with your child at home and talk about the books or texts you have read. If we could ask that as much reading is happening at home as possible - as ever it doesn't matter what is being read as long as it is something that your child enjoys. Reading is not just about looking at books; early reading skills develop from recognising familiar logos and signs in the environment. Spotting these when you are out and about with your child helps to develop their reading skills in a fun way!

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Maths

In maths, the children will be working on recognising and ordering numbers to 12 and securing their understanding of this in depth as we continue to promote our mastery curriculum. We will be introducing ways to record simple addition and subtraction facts as the children explore their learning and show an interest in number problems. The children will also be learning about length and height as we learn about different units of measure. This term's homework grid will have ideas on to support the learning of these topics.

Understanding the World/Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be learning lots of fascinating dinosaur facts as we become engrossed in our theme Dinosaurs! This will include sorting and classifying different types of dinosaurs, exploring fossils and dinosaur bones, how the world has changed since pre-historic times and what ever happened to dinosaurs?! As well as all this super learning we will also have the opportunity to paint dinosaurs, make fossils and build dinosaurs from recycled materials!

ILD

The ILD is proving to be very popular with many families. Please continue to contribute any learning from home here, as it forms a valuable part of your child's learning journey. If you have not yet signed up we encourage you to do so as soon as possible so that you can share your child's learning.

Key Dates: - please see attached

Thank you for your continued support. We are all looking forward to another great term!

Mrs Frost

Miss Loasby

Reception Phase Leader Reception Teacher