

What are we learning about this half term?

Theme

During the first few weeks of this half term we will be learning about Diwali and Guy Fawkes. Our theme will then change to 'Dinosaurs' where we will be discussing the differences between Dinosaur species. Finally, we will be learning about the Nativity. This will support our understanding, ready to perform our first Nativity play; 'Shine Star Shine'.

Literacy

As readers, we will be:

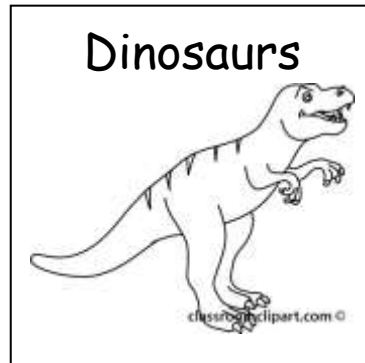
- Making up alternate endings to the familiar stories we read.
- Find the initial sounds in the words we read and hear.
- Investigating fiction and non-fiction texts about dinosaurs.

As writers, we will be:

- Using our phonics to segment, blend and write CVC words.
- Practise writing our name and surname.

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Reception Class



Mathematics

As mathematicians we will:

- Introduce addition calculations by finding the total number of items in two groups.
- Compare sets of quantities.
- Find 'one more' or 'one less' from a given number or set.
- Use our 'Maths Monkey' to explore challenges, using our problem solving skills.

Understanding of the World

- As scientists we will investigate what life was like during the Mesozoic Era and become palaeontologists in the Dino Lab!
- As geographers, we will look at the similarities, differences and changes in Autumn and our outdoor environment.
- As historians, we will learn a little of the history behind firework night.
- As spiritual thinkers, we will learn the story of 'Rama and Sita' and reflect on what Christmas means to us.
- As computer technicians, we will be using educational child-friendly apps and games on iPad and laptops independently.

Expressive Arts and Design

- As musicians, we will use percussion instruments to accompany new songs and create musical patterns.
- As artists, we will explore what happens when we mix colours and use a variety of resources when creating pictures and objects.

Physical Development

- We will be concentrating on our balance and coordination by building our gross motor skills.
- As swimmers we will become confident in the water and learn to move and travel freely.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will begin to understand that our own actions affect other people and ask appropriate questions of others during family time.
- We will learn to treat others with respect and understand what 'learning powers' mean.

Class Routines

- Indoor P.E takes place on Friday mornings and outdoor sport on Tuesday afternoons. (Please send outdoor kit in on a Tuesday.)
- Swimming takes place on Wednesday mornings.
- Learning Through Nature will begin with RD on Monday 7th November. It will alternate between classes on Monday afternoons.
- Our Nativity performances will be on the 7th and 8th of December.