Key Stage 1
Autumn Term 2 2021

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a lovely break and are ready for another busy term ahead! We have lots of exciting events coming up this term. Our new topic will provide the children with a wealth of inspiring activities including a fossil workshop, volcano making and hands on DT Dino projects. The lead up to Christmas is also an exciting time in school. The children will be leading a Christingle service and Hanukkah assembly as well as making traditional Christmas cards and biscuits. Lots of fun ahead!

The Key Stage One Team This Year Are...

Class Teachers:
Miss Benham
Mrs Harris

Class Assistants:
Mrs Allaway
Mrs Lomax

Sports Coach:
Mr Deverall

Key Dates To Remember This Term

LIFE LONG AGO	Monday 6 December
CHRISTMAS LUNCH	Wednesday 15 December
LAST DAY OF TERM	Friday 17 December
INSET DAY	Tuesday 4 January
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	Wednesday 5 January

Congratulations

Well done to our Half Termly Achievers for Term 1:

Florence and Siya

Reading

Reading is an essential part of your child's learning and a huge contributing factor to their progress. We ask that you read with your child a minimum of 4 times a week. Books are changed daily and we do monitor this as children who read regularly will receive a certificate!

Phonics Screening Check

Year 2 children will be taking a phonics screening check later on this term. The check is quick and is an easy way of checking your child's phonic knowledge. The pass mark is usually between 32 and 35 out of 40 and is a way of checking of your child has made expected progress. Your child will sit with the class teacher and be asked to read 40 words aloud. The test is made up of 'alien words' and real words which are important as they require the children to decoded rather than from memory. The test normally takes a few minutes. If your child is struggling, the teacher will stop the check as the check is designed to be a pleasant experience and will be something the children are familiar with.

You can support your child at home by making time to read every night, we ask the children to look for the special friends in the word when decoding. There is also the website **phonics play** which is full of interactive games to help to your child to practise their segmenting and blending. We can also provide additional flashcards or paper practise words. Year 1 children will be taking the check in the summer term.

Notices

We will have PE lessons twice a week, **Inkpen** have PE on **Wednesday and Thursday** and **Rosen** on **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please send your child into school dressed in their kit, please make sure that trainers and shorts are black and that they are wearing their house colour top. Please provide a note if they cannot participate in PE because of an injury.

Please could we ask that you label all of your child's clothing so that we can return lost items to you as quickly as possible. Also if you have purchased any of the preloved uniform could you make sure that your child's name is clear to read as some have previous owners making it difficult to decipher, many thanks for your assistance with this.

Seesaw

Any homework tasks completed will need to be uploaded on SeeSaw. Please make sure that SeeSaw is **only used for uploading homework** as this will be checked once a week. If you need to get a message to us please contact the school office by phone or the parent email. Your child will be issued their own login details and a family code if you have more than one child in the school. There is an app that can be downloaded on phones or tablet devices.

This Half Term



DINOSAUR PLANET!

Here is an overview of what we will cover in the different areas of the curriculum this term.

English:



The children will be investigating fiction and non-fiction books about dinosaurs and fossil hunters, most notably Mary Anning. They will be writing fact files, diary entries, captions, and sequencing stories and events.

Mathematics:



Year 1 the children will be carrying on with addition and subtraction and exploring the use if these operations using part whole models and bar models. They will move onto shape and place value to 20. Year 2 will also be carrying on with addition and subtraction, moving on to money and multiplication and division.

Computing:

The children will be working towards creating a digital presentation to share interesting facts and information they have learned about dinosaurs and fossils.

Music:

In music we will be singing and chanting rounds as well as working as part of a group to perform basic rhythms.

PSHE:



This term the children will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week activities as well as considering personal safety with lessons focused on who to trust and Pants are Private.

Homework:

For Year 1 children homework will be set weekly and will alternate between a Mathletics task or a phonics task. Year 2 will also be set homework weekly and this will alternate between a Mathletics task or reading comprehension. Homework grid is on the website. We are now monitoring more closely who is completing homework weekly as this is an important part of consolidating and enriching children's learning in school. Please upload completed homework on SeeSaw.

Humanities:



Watch out everyone – the dinosaurs are on the prowl. They're rampaging across the dusty earth, swishing their enormous tails and baring their fearsome teeth. Let's explore the Dinosaur Planet. Imagine you're a **palaeontologist** (that's a scientist who studies bones and fossils). Dig deep and discover dazzling dinosaur facts. We will also be looking at the life and work of Mary Anning who made many fossil discoveries. We will also be using world maps to locate counties and continents of animals at risk of extinction.

Science:

The children will be classifying and identifying birds, reptiles, mammals, and amphibians this term. They will also be investigating how jaws and teeth tell us about an animal's diet, including our own.

Physical Education:



This half term the children will be exploring ball skills such as throwing and catching and will begin a unit on dance. Please make sure that your child has black bottoms without any logos and they are wearing their house colour top. If you child is attending and afterschool club please make sure that they come dressed in their PE kit for the day.

Art and DT:

We will be making dinosaur sock puppets, creating our own pre-historic landscapes using different natural materials, designing dinosaur eggs, making volcanos, and of course baking traditional Christmas shortbread biscuits.

RE:

The unit this term is called 'Why Does Christmas Matter to Christians?' The children will be learning the story of Christmas and its significance in the Christian tradition.

Our Value this term is:

Peace & Love