

Spring Term 2 Curriculum Overview for Early Years Foundation Stage- Dangerous Dinosaurs!

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- We will discover the story 'Tyranosaurus Drip', we will talk about the story, especially the characters and their differences.
- We will continue to develop our collaborative skills, creating dinosaur habitats together.
- We will work together to solve problems, freeing the fossils from the digging area, taking turns and sharing resources.

Communication & Language

- We are excited to invite Dinomania's Ranger Chris into school to lead a dinosaur workshop. During this interactive experience, the children will have opportunities to ask questions and talk to unfamiliar people.
- Drawing club will continue to build vocabulary, and we will encourage the children to use longer more complex sentences when talking about books and stories.

Physical Development

- Our PE sessions this term will be all about dinosaurs! The children will focus upon movements and balance to help develop their co-ordination skills.
- In class there will be lots of opportunities to develop our fine and gross motor skills. We will dig for fossils in the digging area and will go on dinosaur safaris using the collaborative bikes.
- We will continue to develop our cutting skills in the creative areas, making dinosaur inspired artwork!

Literacy

- In Phonics, we will continue to develop our knowledge of the Phase 3 sounds. Once we have learnt all of the sounds in Phase 3, we will consolidate this learning to ensure they can be recalled for reading and writing.
- In drawing club, we will be extending our secret code-words to build longer captions and sentences.
- We will write fact files about different dinosaurs we have learnt about and will use speech bubbles to create a display.

Mathematics

- We will continue to develop our knowledge of numbers using the NCETM mastering number scheme.
- In addition to this we will be developing our knowledge of measuring. We will measure different dinosaurs using non-standard measurements.
- We will look at patterns again this term, learning how to spot a pattern and continue it.

Understand the World

- We will learn about 'Mary Anning' and find out about fossils.
- We will go on an adventure with 'Andy' to learn about life in pre-historic times.
- We will use the computer to find out about dinosaurs, and develop our ICT skills too.
- We will learn about carnivores, omnivores and herbivores!

Expressive Arts & Design

- We will use clay to make fossils, learning how real fossils are created.
- We will create dinosaur inspired pictures using stencils and prints.
- We will explore dinosaur stories, acting them out!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is all about one of my favourite topics, 'Dangerous Dinosaurs'. During this topic, we will be learning about Mary Anning and the discovery of fossils. We will use our imagination and pretend to go back to the time of dinosaurs to find out more about these extinct creatures. The children have helped to shape this topic, sharing with us, what they would like to learn and find out about. We have organised a visit from Ranger Chris who will bring along some realistic dinosaur friends to help create a magical experience. We will make dino biscuits and clay fossils during a fun but busy 5 weeks!

Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask,

Mrs Whitney