# **Curriculum Newsletter**

Class: Reception

Term: Spring One

Topic: Dinosaurs

#### Literacy SPECIFIC AREA

#### **Letters and Sounds**

The children will continue to work within to Phase Two of letters and sounds.

Set One – s, a, t and p Set Two – I, n, m and d Set Three – g, o, c and k Set Four – ck, e, u and r Set Five – h, b, f, ff, I, II and ss

**Tricky Words** – no, go, I, into, the and to.

Later in the half term they may advance onto Phase Three of letters and sounds.

**Consonant Diagraphs**: sh, ch, th and ng **Vowel Diagraphs**: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air and ure.

**Tricky Words**: he, she, we, me, be, was, my and they.

The children will learn how to recognise and write the above letter sounds and tricky words. They will also learn how to read and write words containing these sounds.

## How can you help?

Please read home-school reading book as often as you can. Also, practise reading high frequency words (sheet provided last half term). If you have

# Personal, Social and Emotional Development PRIME AREA

Throughout Spring One we will continue to develop:

- Class and school routines.
- Class and school rules
- Good manners
- Positive behaviour
- Positive relationships with peers and staff

We will also learn how to:

- Manage our feelings and behaviour.
- Talk about our strengths, good qualities and abilities.
- Resolve conflicts with our peers.

### **Barnaby Bear**

Barnaby Bear will continue to go home with the children on a Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure that she is returned the following Wednesday so that she is ready for the next child. Don't worry if your child hasn't taken Barnaby home, all the children will have the opportunity over the school year.

# Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy SPECIFIC AREA

Week One - Shape, Space and Measures:

Repeating Patterns

Week Two - Numbers: Addition

Week Three - Shape, Space and Measures:

Position

Week Four - Numbers: Subtraction

Week Five - Shape, Space and Measures: 2d

and 3d shape

Week Six - Numbers: Doubling

### How can you help?

Practise counting from 0- to 20 with your child, count sets of objects up to 20 and show your child the numerals 0-20.

on the parents notice board.  Understanding the World	Physical Development	Expressive Arts and Design
SPECIFIC AREA	PRIME AREA	SPECIFIC AREA
During Understanding the World sessions the children will be learning about:  • The season of winter;  • Dinosaurs – we will learn how to identify and name a range of dinosaurs;  • Herbivores and carnivores;  • What happened to the dinosaurs – why do we not have dinosaurs on the planet today?  The children will have continuous access to our ICT area and various ICT resources to support, develop and enhance their skills.  Religious Education  'Come and See'  Our Religious Education topics will be: Celebrating, Gathering and Growing. See Religious Education newsletter for further	Our indoor Physical Development lessons will focus upon the theme of dinosaurs and the following skills will be developed:  • Running skilfully, avoiding obstacles.  • Experimenting with different ways of moving.  • Showing increasing control over an object.  • Playing alongside peers.  Whilst in the indoor and outdoor classroom the children will continuously access resources that will support and enhance their fine and gross motor development.  Squiggle while you wiggle  Every Wednesday the children will be taking part in squiggle while you wiggle. This is a prehandwriting scheme for children in the Early Years. It's great fun — ask your child all about it.	<ul> <li>During Expressive Arts and Design sessions the children will:</li> <li>Create concentric circles using a winter colour palette;</li> <li>Create observational paintings of dinosaurs;</li> <li>Learn and perform dinosaur poems;</li> <li>Make a giant carnivore or herbivore;</li> <li>Create salt dough fossils;</li> <li>Create salt dough dinosaurs – one from each period.</li> <li>The children will have continuous access to areas within the classroom that will support thei imaginative play. Our role play area for this half term will be the dinosaur explorer's area. The children will be able to role play being explorers and dinosaurs.</li> </ul>

### **Additional Information**

- Children will now enter the Reception classroom, in the morning, on their own to further their independence.
- Reading books need to be brought into school daily and placed in the red or yellow box in the cloakroom.
- Book change day is Thursday
- Indoor PE Friday
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Robin Hood Panto
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 CHIME Music Sessions begin (6 weeks)
- Tuesday 6th February 2018 National Online Safety Day

• School closes for half term on Friday 16th February 2018.

This table provides with a brief overview of what we will be learning about over this half term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Morrow or myself. Thank you. Miss Worrall