



Dear Parents

Our topic this term is “Let’s explore” From this we have taken inspiration from the children and as you are probably aware from them, we are currently learning all about dinosaurs. We have been finding about different kinds of dinosaurs and learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We are then going to continue our exploration under the sea and off into space between now and Easter.

In literacy we have been using a mixture of fiction and non-fiction books to support our learning and we are working hard to apply our phonic knowledge to writing captions and sentences. To support your child at home please continue to practice the sounds that we are learning and also practice reading and writing the common irregular words that are being sent home. We will be working on learning to spell the common words we have been learning to read. The main words to begin with are:

The, to, no, go, I, into, he, we, she, me, be, was, you, they, all, are, my, her

Please keep hearing your child read regularly and put a comment in their home learning record. We have been really pleased with the increase in fluency. It is also helpful if you talk about books you share asking questions which encourage them to show their understanding.

In numeracy we have been working on adding and subtracting using objects and images. It would be great if you could encourage your child to practise these skills in their play at home. We are working on measuring, using money to pay for small amounts. Please keep practising your child’s maths Zumba target each week – we will be reviewing them with children on Fridays and new ones will be issued when they know the number facts confidently.

The children have been learning to apply their creativity using clay, collage and music. It has been lovely to see them demonstrating their imaginative ideas in their own work.

We would like to give you advanced warning of a celebration of our learning on Wednesday 15th February 2pm and Wednesday 5th April 2pm. This will give the children a chance to show you all the things they have been doing.

PE days are now Mondays and Fridays so please can children come in PE kit on those days. We would like to give a reminder to please ensure that clothes brought to school are clearly labelled with your child’s name. This includes uniform, coats and hats and gloves – we have a few duplicates and it gets quite confusing for them.

Finally, here a few useful websites that may help with your child's learning at home:

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.ictgames.co.uk (dinosaur eggs is a great way of practising phonic skills)

www.crickweb.co.uk

www.iboard.co.uk

Some of these websites ask for subscription, but it's not always necessary as there are plenty of games to trial.

Many thanks

Reception team.