

# Land Before Time

1M Summer 2 2019

PE days - Monday and Tuesday.

## Unlocking the learning

**Unlocking the learning at home** - It is really important that children have the opportunity to use what they learn in school at home. Watch a documentary about dinosaurs to find out more about them.

**Get reading** - Visit the library to find dinosaur books and dinosaur stories.

**Get exploring** - why not visit the museum that has a dinosaur exhibit.

**Get creating** - Make a habitat for a dinosaur. What materials can you use? Make your habitat out of recyclable materials.

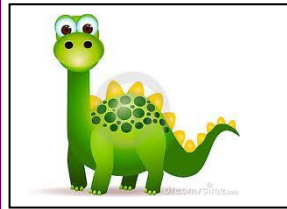
## Numeracy. We will be covering...

This half term, the children will be continuing to develop their problem solving skills including missing number sums. Children will need to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

We shall be looking at solving sums for the four rules and checking our answers using the inverse operation.

We shall revise the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and identify these shapes in our environment. We will explore position and direction using shapes and make half, quarter and three quarter turns clockwise and anticlockwise.

We will ensure that number bonds to 10 and 20 are used regularly and the children will recall these. Please support your child with any real life maths such as counting money, reading the time and playing board games.



**Which is your favourite dinosaur?**

**Do you know what a palaeontologist does?**

## Topic. We will be covering...

In Year 1 the children will be focusing on the topic 'Land Before Time'. Dinosaurs are rampaging across the dusty earth, swishing their enormous tails and baring their fearsome teeth... Children will explore Dinosaur Planet! Imagine what life was like millions of years ago. They will discover dazzling dinosaur facts and learn about what life was like in dinosaur times!

### Please ensure:

**Your child has their PE kit in school** - it is important for children to take part in PE for 2 hours every week. If they do not have their PE kit then your child will receive a letter home asking you to provide them with suitable clothing.

**Your child reads at home daily** - please keep up with the reading at home as it will help develop imagination and information for writing, underpin phonics and help with spelling. Reading regularly at home, especially books related to the class topic, supports your child in their learning for all subjects.

**We will be creating a Dino World in a Shoe Box over the half term. PLEASE SEND IN ONE EMPTY SHOE BOX AT THE START OF TERM. Thank you**

## English. We will be covering...

This half term for English we shall be using a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to support our writing. We shall be writing fact files, poems, non-chronological reports and recounts. Our visit to All Things Wild will be an exciting stimulus for writing where we shall be recounting the events of the day and imagining life in the land of dinosaurs. We will continue to work on writing skills for example: capital letters, full-stops, using interesting vocabulary (adjectives) and extending our sentences using a range of conjunctions (and, so, but, because). There will be an emphasis on phonics and the children will complete the phonics screening check this half term.

**DURING THIS TOPIC WE WILL BE LOOKING AT DINOSAURS FROM A SCIENTIST'S PERSPECTIVE. WE SHALL LOOK AT DINOSAUR BONES AND FOSSILS AND FIND OUT HOW LONG AGO DINOSAURS ROAMED THE EARTH. IN HISTORY THE CHILDREN WILL LEARN ABOUT MARY ANNING, A FAMOUS FOSSIL HUNTER. WE WILL INVESTIGATE HOW ICE MELTS (READY FOR THE NEXT ICE AGE!) AND RECORD OUR FINDINGS.**