



# Curriculum Newsletter



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## Nursery



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### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The skills we learn in this area underpin everything we do - we will continue to work on routines and expectations, including manners across the term. We are also encouraging the children to be more independent in managing their turn taking and sharing skills.

### Our Topic:

## Dinosaur **Big**, Dinosaur small

Over the half term we will be learning about all things Dinosaur! We'll be learning dinosaur names, about the different types of dinosaurs and their features and much more!

### Communication and Language

We will be developing our language skills linked to dinosaurs - learning long names and counting the syllables as we go. We will also be practising speaking in longer sentences and taking turns in conversation with our friends and the Nursery staff.

### Physical Development

In our PE sessions we will be doing some Dinosaur movements as well as learning some Dinosaur Dances such as the Dinosaur Stomp!

▶ Koo Koo Kanga Roo - Dinosaur Stomp (Dance-A-L...  
In class we will continue to strengthen our fingers and improve their dexterity with a range of fine motor skills including pegging and threading. We will also develop gross motor skills through Write Dance sessions and large equipment in our outdoor area.

### Books we will be reading



We will begin by reading a book called 'Dinosaur Roar', it's a fantastic rhyming book which encourages all the children to join on...you can find a version here

▶ Makaton Signed Story: Dinosaur Roar by Singing H...

### Literacy

We will share a range of dinosaur related stories this half term such as Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaurumpus, 10 Little Dinosaurs and books from the Harry and his bucketful of Dinosaurs series. Alongside this we will be using non-fiction texts to further our knowledge of dinosaurs. In mark making we will continue with our weekly Write Dance sessions as well as practising both pre-writing shapes (circles, lines and crosses) and for some name writing and the formation of letters.

## Understanding the World

Through this topic we will develop an understanding of time, and the fact dinosaurs are from the past. We will also look at life cycles of dinosaurs making comparisons between the different types. During Science Week we will be making volcanoes, dinosaur swamp slime and freezing some dinosaur eggs which we will investigate. During Forest School sessions we will be looking out for signs of Spring.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to use a range of materials to make representations of dinosaurs, including a 'large' junk modelled/loose part dinosaur, and some observational paintings. We will also use dinosaurs to inspire pattern work and use them to make footprint patterns with paint.



## Mathematics

We will be linking our number and shape learning to dinosaurs this half term with some numbered dinosaur 'hunts', making 2D shape dinosaurs and looking at patterns and markings on dinosaurs. We will explore measuring dinosaurs and using the language linked to height.



## Independence in Nursery

This area is still one of absolute importance within the Nursery, and also an area we really rely on you to support at home. The majority of children are now able to put on their own coat, gloves/mittens and hats. The next skill to work on is those tricky zips, I know it's not possible everyday but when you can teach/show and encourage your children to have a go with them. As we are back out at Forest School now it's really important that children can do their own shoes/socks so please encourage this skill also.

## Clothing in Nursery

Children need to come to the Nursery dressed appropriately to the weather, we use our outdoors daily so, a warm waterproof coat is essential. Keep your eye on the forecast and send 'extras' as needed.  
**Please ensure all items coming into the Nursery are clearly named**  
At Nursery your children may get messy, we do our best to cover clothes with aprons, but enthusiastic mark makers and painters sometimes mean that clothes get marks on them! Please don't send them in 'best' clothes.

## What does your child need to bring to Nursery

**Daily:**  
-a named water bottle (not in the book bag)  
-a book bag  
**Half Termly (these can stay at Nursery):**  
-spare clothes in a named bag  
-wellington boots (named) in a named bag  
**Please ensure all items coming into the Nursery are clearly named (including the bag!)**

## Home Learning

Nursery Rhymes - singing rhymes is a great way to support your child's Literacy skills. The BBC have some lovely compilations which can be found on YouTube (search - BBC Nursery Rhymes).

Bedtime Stories - reading is a great way to develop a range of skills and share a special few minutes with your child. Please try and build this into your bedtime routine and let us know your favourite stories!

Please record your home learning on Tapestry, or email photos to Mrs Banks or Mrs Spooner. We love to see and share the children's Home Learning.