



**Year 2
Spring 1**

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely Christmas. Thank to everyone who has engaged with our new reading scheme. We look forward to another great half term. Below please find information about your child's learning this half term and how you can support them with this. Please also keep reading your mini book with your child.

Many thanks Mrs Steadman-Tippett, Mrs Barnett, Mrs Kernot, Miss Baldwin, Mrs Kates, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Searle, Mrs Reed and Mrs Tyler.



Reminders

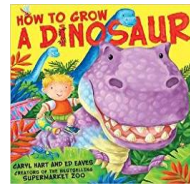
PE – Monday and Friday

Forest Schools –Tuesday

Library - Friday

Homework – Reading: 4 times a week checked on a Friday. Spellings and Maths fluency – sent out on a Monday. Maths checked on a Friday.

Our topic is Dinosaurs



Maths

We will be learning to tell and write the time to five minutes including: quarter past and quarter to the hour, drawing the hands on a clock face to show these times. We will be learning how to sort and classify 2d and 3d shapes based on their properties, using vocabulary such as vertices, edges, faces and symmetry. We will also be exploring fractions of shapes and number, explaining how this links to division.

English

We will be reading dinosaur stories before creating our own. We will also be writing reports about some of the exciting events that are happening. In **writing**, we will be learning to use apostrophes and create descriptive writing using expanded noun phrases and adverbs. This will help make our writing sound more interesting to the reader. In **guided reading**, we will be practising the skills of predicting, retrieving and re-telling, as well as learning how to use the features of non-fiction texts to find and retrieve key information.

Topic

In **science**, we will be comparing and classifying things that are living, dead or have never lived. We will be using this to identify what animals need to survive and exploring different food chains. In **geography**, we will be recapping the seven continents and five oceans, finding them on globes and atlases. In **art**, we will be exploring how using different pencil techniques can add the appearance of texture to our drawings before creating our dinosaur sketches. We will also be learning about a famous sculptor called Alexander Calder, and practising using his skills to create our own dinosaur sculptures. In **Computing**, we are learning how to be safe online and use the internet to support our learning. In **PSHE**, we will be discussing ways of keeping ourselves safe, and look at ways we can make ourselves feel better if we are ill. In **RE**, we will be exploring the concept of messages, thinking about how messages are important in our lives before considering how Christians believe Jesus shared importance messages. In **PE**, we will be practising balancing both on lines and PE equipment.

Grow value activities

G – be a Giving Citizen and write a Thank you letter for a Christmas gift.

R – be Resilient, make a New Year promise and keep to it for a month.

O – be Original and make a dinosaur out of reclaimed materials. We would love to see these in school w/c 9th

February.

W – be a Wise Worker and write a story about a dinosaur.