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Year 1

Dear Parent/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year 1 this half term.

Curriculum

Our half term topic is '**Dinosaur Planet**' and the main focus for this topic will be Literacy and Topic (History).

Memorable Experience: A dinosaur will be visiting school!

English: Pupils will be reading lots of different stories involving dinosaurs. They will retell the story using pictures, videos and role play. They will also learn to adapt these stories and create their own stories. Children will also learn to recite some poems and rhymes.

Maths: Pupils will learn to solve one-step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as $7 = ? - 9$. Pupils will read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in numerals and words, count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. Compare, describe and solve practical problems for time [for example, quicker, slower, earlier, later]. Measure and begin to record time (hours, minutes, seconds). Children will measure and begin to record mass/weight, capacity and volume.

Science: Children will also identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. Children will also learn about animals and sort them in different categories by looking at their physical features and habitats.

Topic: Pupil be learning about events beyond living memory through exploring different dinosaurs and their habitats. Children will explore how and where dinosaurs lived and died. Children will also get the opportunity to create fact files on their own chosen dinosaur through doing research, drawings, and presentations.

Homework:

- Practise phonics sounds learnt in school
- Practise spellings
- Practise handwriting by describing a dinosaur, or creating a dinosaur story
- Complete maths homework

Reading: Please encourage your children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books as frequently as possible. *Mad about Dinosaurs* by Giles Andreae is a great story to discover all your favourite dinosaurs in this rollicking, rhyming prehistoric romp.

Here are some dinosaur stories you can read with your child:

- Ten little dinosaurs
- Giganotosaurus

Kind regards,

Miss McKoy, Mrs Lally and Miss Rahman
(Year 1 teachers)