



# Year 1 News

## April 2021



Welcome back! We hope you have had a relaxing break and are ready for the last term of Year 1!

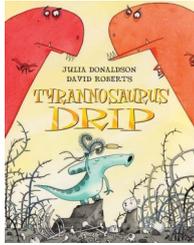
### Were dinosaurs real?



Our theme for the summer term is 'Were dinosaurs real?'. To start our theme, the children will have the important job of looking after dinosaur eggs

that have recently appeared in our classrooms. We will also become paleontologists in the role play areas, where we will be digging for fossils and recording our findings.

During our theme, we will be reading lots of fiction and non-fiction books about dinosaurs. If your child has a favourite dinosaur book they would like to share with us please send it into school. Please make sure their name is written inside.

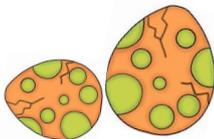


### English

In English, we will be consolidating our Set 2 and Set 3 sounds through our daily Read Write Inc. lessons. During this time, we will also practise spellings, read appropriate level books and work on comprehension skills.

Through our theme work, we will practise writing simple sentences, ensuring consistent use of capital letters and full stops. We will also begin to learn how to use compound sentences by joining two simple sentences with a conjunction.

When writing instructions on how to look after dinosaur eggs, we will focus on using verbs at the beginning of our sentences to turn them into 'bossy verbs'. In addition, our daily SPaG lessons will incorporate different prefixes and suffixes.



### History



In history, we will be learning all about the life of Mary Anning, an English fossil hunter. We will then compare her to the more recent day natural historian David Attenborough.

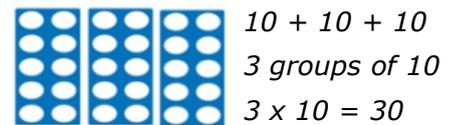
### Computing / Art

We will be learning how to use the cameras to take our own photographs of a chosen dinosaur toy. Once the photographs are printed, we will be using them to create pop art images inspired by Andy Warhol.



### Maths

We begin this half term with a recap of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, and applying this skill into word problems. We will then begin simple multiplication by using repeated addition, mainly focusing on multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will also be learning to divide by sharing a number of objects into equal groups practically.



In shape, space and measure, we will be using directional and positional language to guide our peers around a maze.

### Science

In science we will learning about animals. We will find out which animals are herbivores, carnivores and omnivores, and group them accordingly. We will link this to our dinosaur theme by making our own 'dinosaur poo' by mixing together ingredients that a herbivore or carnivore might have eaten.

### RE

Our RE focus this term is on fairness and justice. We will be discussing what it means to be fair and unfair as well as talking about forgiveness. We will also talk about religious stories that show forgiveness.

### Reading Books

Reading books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. Please send reading books in on those days and the children will pick a new one. The reading record is there for you to record how your child is reading at home and how they are finding their colour band; please send those in on Mondays and Thursdays too!



### PE

During PE this half term we will focus on 'Running and Jumping'. We will also be finding different ways to move like dinosaurs. Each class will use time in the week to complete the weekly mile.

Y1H: Tuesday & Wednesday

Y1M: Wednesday & Thursday

Y1S: Thursday & Friday

Children should come dressed in their PE kit on their PE days (white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings/joggers and a sweater together with trainers/plimsolls). During lessons they will need to **remove all jewellery**. If your child is unable to do PE, they *must* present a note explaining why they are exempt.

### Home Learning

Your child will receive their new dinosaur homework grid for this half term. Please complete as many activities you feel is suitable. It is lovely to be able to share your child's home learning at the end of the half-term and celebrate their achievements!

### Show and Tell

Children are encouraged to bring in a show and tell, however these must be theme based or a special achievement the children have received outside of school. Show and tell encourages the children talk confidently in front of their peers.





