

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back everyone after the Christmas holidays!

Our topic for this term is called 'Dangerous Dinosaurs'. In this exciting topic we will find out about prehistoric animals that lived on Earth. We will learn facts about dinosaurs and discover how big some of these giant creatures were. In addition, we will learn about the difference between carnivores and herbivores. We will also find out about the animals that lived after the dinosaurs and which modern-day animals have prehistoric relatives.



Communication and Language

During this topic we will be retelling stories and narratives using our own words and recently introduced vocabulary. We will also be learning to articulate ideas and thoughts in well-formed sentences and describe events using some detail.



Reading

We will be reading a range of books linked to Dinosaurs such as Dear Dinosaur, Tyrannosaurus Drip, Dinosaurs Love Underpants. We will also continue to develop our phonics knowledge and read words by sounding them out and blending.

In addition, we will be learning to listen to and talk about selected non-fiction books to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary.

Writing

We will be learning to use our phonics knowledge to write words and sentences. We will also be writing a letter to a dinosaur.

Maths

We will be learning to count and recognise numbers up to 10, including the composition of each number. We will also be comparing groups up to 10 and combining two groups to find the whole number up to 10.



RE

We will begin the academic year with the Local Church - Celebrating where we will be learning about what a celebration is and how the parish family celebrate. We then move onto our Eucharist topic called Gathering - where the focus is on how the parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist.



Understanding the World

We will be learning to describe our immediate environment using knowledge from observation, discussion, stories, non-fiction texts and maps. In addition, we will be understanding some important processes and changes in the natural world around us, including the seasons and changing states of matter.

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PSHE

Our topic 'Dreams and Goals' has a strong focus on staying motivated when something is challenging.

Science

We will be learning that a shadow is the same shape as the object that makes it and that shadows change during the day.



PE

Real PE - Dynamic Balance: on a line static balance and creative movement. In the interest of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them.

Computing

We will be talking about things that people do on digital devices, such as playing games, communicating with others and watching online videos.

Music

Charanga Musical School - Everyone!

Explore: family, friends, people and music from around the world

Homework

The homework tasks that the children will be expected to complete are as follows: Reading - Encourage your child to read as much as possible as this will help with their comprehension and writing. (10 minutes daily)

Practise phonics sounds (daily)

Word cards (daily)

Mathematics and English task/activity (weekly)

We may send home topic related tasks/projects to be completed during the term.

We are looking forward to a busy term ahead.

Miss Glenn