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Pathway to Excellence

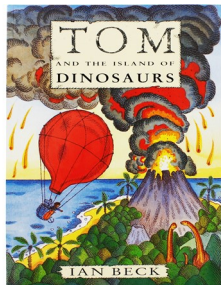
Year R Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 1 2024



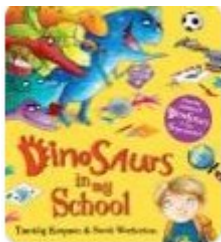
English

We will be building up our confidence writing sentences this half term, by reading a range of genres information, instructions, museum signs and stories.



Our key books this term will be:

- **Tom and the island of dinosaurs**
- **Dinosaurs in my School**
- **Dinosaur Disaster**
- **Mary Anning (Little People Big Dreams)**
- **David Attenborough (Little People Big Dreams)**



Physical Development

We will be continuing our Funky Fingers 4 times a week, where we focus on fine motor skills and we are working hard to develop our letter and number formation in daily handwriting sessions.

We will continue to have access to physical development opportunities through our child initiated learning and through our PE lessons where we will be getting ready for sports day! We also have a fun sports event with Little Oaks planned for this half-term.

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Weekly schedules:

PE is on a Thursday
Library is on a Friday
Show and Tell is on a Friday

Parent Readers

We have some spaces available for our parent reader sessions on Thursday's at 3pm. Please sign up—the children really enjoy this experience.

General Introduction:

I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break and the children are refreshed and ready for more learning! We have a very exciting start to the half term with our visit from TeachRex! Thank you so much for your contributions for this event.

Show and Tell will be continuing and I have added the timetable on the next page.

We have loved hearing about the children's achievements at home and the special trips and events some of you have been on. Please continue to upload these and anything else onto tapestry.



Mathematics

Pupils will consolidate their counting skills, counting to larger numbers and develop a wider range of counting strategies. They will secure knowledge of number facts through varied practice and explore a range of representations of numbers, including the 10-frame, and see how doubles can be arranged in a 10-frame and compare quantities and numbers. Including sets of objects which have different attributes.

We will also look at shapes and shape patterns.

RE

RE this half term we will be thinking about what places are special and why. We will also be learning about Eid celebrations.

PSHCE

PSCHE focuses on dreams and goals.



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Personal, Social and Emotional

We will be developing our understanding of different emotions and thinking about how our actions affect others.

Communication and Language;

Through our topic, we will be learning how to answer how and why questions after listening to stories, learning new vocabulary and thinking about speaking clearly and listening carefully to those we are talking with.

Final word

Just a few reminders:
Please check your child's book bag as sometimes there are letters in there for you. Please make sure that all school uniform, PE kits and coats are named. We do our best to make sure that each child goes home with the right items and if they are named it makes the process much quicker. Children are not to bring toys into school, these can often get muddled in amongst the classroom toys and become difficult to locate.

Thank you again for all your support.

Show and Tell (Theme—Something you have drawn, made or created)

19/4/24 - Claydon

26/4/24—Hartwell

3/5/24—Mentmore

10/5/24—Ascott

17/5/24—Claydon

24/5/24—Hartwell

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Important Dates:

Thurs 18th April—TeachREX workshop

Mon 22nd April—Class R vision screening

Mon 1st May—Bank Holiday

Wed 8th May —Transition workshop (into KS1 and beyond).

Thurs 9th May—Sports event with Little Oaks

Fri 10th May—Class Photos

Thurs 16th May—Film night

Understanding the World

We will continue to learn about life-cycles with a particular focus on our butterflies, the tadpoles in our school pond and the life cycle of a duck through first hand experiences.

We will also be learning about **Mary Anning**.

Mary discovered a fossilized marine reptile (Ichthyosaurus) when fossil hunting with her dad on the beach at age 12!

We will also using the iPad to learn more about dinosaurs and how the world was different when the dinosaurs lived, as well as about different types of dinosaurs and how we have found out about them.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning how to combine a range of materials for different purposes, such as making dinosaur fossils. We will also be role-playing as dinosaurs and then paleontologists working in a museum, to help us explore our topic.

Please note: This is only a guide. Due to the nature of Early Years the learning follows the children's interests, so other activities may crop up as the children change and learn.