

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



OUR TOPICS

In February we will be learning all about dinosaurs. We will be learning their names, talking about their similarities and differences and using good describing words.

We will do dinosaur jigsaw, print dinosaur feet, search for fossils, draw dinosaurs and even become authors and write a book about them. We will have a 'Dino Den' in the cloakroom...so don't be scared if you hear loud roars coming from the Nursery!

Towards the end of the month we will be beginning to learn about books, a topic which will carry through to March.

We will be using language associated with books i.e. author, title, illustrator etc. We will continue to be authors and illustrators, this time making our own books at the writing table. We will also be celebrating World Book Day (see overleaf).

OBSERVATIONS

This month we will be checking if your child

- Understands and uses language associated with size when talking about the dinosaurs i.e. small, big, heavy etc.
- Sorts according to size
- Sorts by pattern / dinosaurs and eggs
- Holds the pencil in an appropriate way with confidence

We will also be watching to see if they have a preferred hand to write and draw with.

COLOURS AND SHAPE OF THE MONTH

Silver and Cylinder

Help your child to spot these in their environment.



Happy birthday to Fionn and Katie who both turn 4 this month

BRIGHT IDEAS

To tie both topics together, it would be a really good idea to go to the library and look for books about Dinosaurs. Children love learning facts, so maybe you could delve into some 'trickier' books and let them explore the books by looking at the pictures and asking questions. You don't have to read these books to your child cover to cover like you would a story book. Let them take the lead and follow their interests.

Use the internet. Help your child to realise that computers and tablets aren't just for games and YouTube, but they can really help them to learn by researching information about Dinosaurs.

Design a dinosaur...ask your child to come up with a brand new dinosaur. Talk about how tall it would be- use comparisons like would it be as tall as a house or a sky scraper? Does it have a name? Is it a meat eater or a plant eater? Which dinosaurs are its friends?

Make a book with your child. An A4 page folded makes a great book. Talk to them about the front cover, back cover and spine.

SPARE CLOTHES

Our supply of spare clothes has got very low, particularly trousers and pants. If your child has borrowed nursery pants or trousers this year, we would be very grateful if you could return them.

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is **Thursday 7th March 2019**. We are letting you know in advance as it links with the topic beginning this month and the children will be asked to come into the nursery dressed as a character from a book on this date (and we thought sending this home in March's Newsletter may be cutting it a little fine!

BIG BEDTIME READ

A BIG thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Big Bedtime Read'. The children seemed to really enjoy it, and I hope you did too. A special thanks to all the brave mummies who turned up in their pyjamas!

We will be in touch later this term to arrange more fun (and hopefully helpful!) events to continue to build the important school home link and support you in getting your child 'ready to learn.'

Later this term there will also be information sent out regarding take home activity bags, which will run alongside the 'book bags'.



REMINDER

Book bags- return THURSDAY MORNING and collect FRIDAY AFTERNOON. Some book bags have not been returned in a number of weeks. We are keen to ensure every child gets a book bag every week, but have to work to the rule of no return, no replacement to ensure we have enough bags for all the children. However, if you have misplaced a book, or even a whole bag (we realise houses with 3 and 4 year olds are crazy places!!), please just return what you may have, or let the staff know that a bag is missing and we will arrange for you to be allocated a new book bag.

DATES TO REMEMBER

18th-22nd February- school closed for midterm break

25th February- 1st March- Bob-a-job week (whole school initiative- more information to follow)