

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 explore our dinosaur discovery to learn more! 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

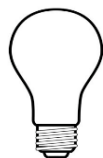
- Understands and uses language associated with size when talking about the dinosaurs i.e. small, big, heavy etc.
- Sorts according to size
- Sorts by pattern / dinosaurs and eggs
- Holds the pencil in an appropriate way with confidence

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

COLOURS AND SHAPE OF THE MONTH



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.

Silver and Cylinder

Help your child to spot these in their environment.



Happy birthday to James D who turns 4 this month!

SPARE CLOTHES

WORLD BOOK DAY

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 is **Thursday 5th March 2020**. 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!

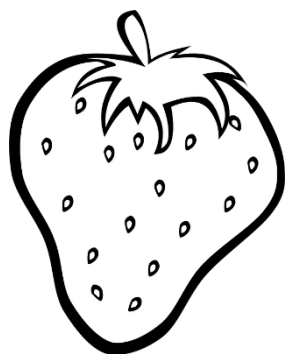
Activity Bags

As part of the *Getting Ready to Learn* programme, the children will also be starting to take home activity bags which support you in getting your child 'ready to learn.'. The activity bags promote different areas of their development including fine motor skills, concentration, speech and language and early mathematical skills.

They will be sent home in groups, two groups each week, on a Friday along with the book bags to be returned the following Thursday. This means your child will have an activity bag twice a month.

This will be beginning on **FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY**.

All bags contain instructions or guidelines of how they can be used to enhance learning.



REMINDER

Some snack money for term 2 is still outstanding if this could be paid in due course.

Another reminder that only snack provided by us is to be consumed in the nursery and all other food brought in is to be consumed in the canteen during their lunch.

DATES TO REMEMBER

17th-21st February- school closed for midterm break