

Library Sessions

Our Tuesday book sharing and library session to which grown ups are invited to is continuing and we look forward to seeing as many grown ups as possible at 11.40am on Tuesdays.

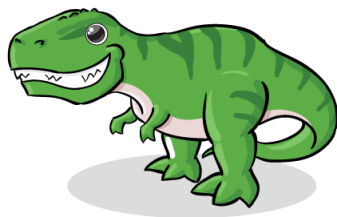
Physical Education

We will continue to get changed for of our PE sessions on a Tuesday this term. Please can you ensure your child's PE kit is in school (T-shirt, shorts, plimsolls). We will be focussing on our skills with the small apparatus, throwing and catching bean bags and balls, kicking and dribbling and using hockey sticks and bats.

As the weather is starting to get hotter, please can you make sure your child has a hat and water bottle in school everyday and that you have applied sun cream to protect their skin.

We hope you and your child have a great half term with us. Please feel free to come and speak to us about any questions you have.

Mrs McFarlane and Mrs Rogers



Dates for your Diary - more dates maybe added during the term so please keep checking your child's book bag and our class notice board.

2nd May	Class visit to All Saints Church TBC - details to follow
24th May	Class visit to Boydell's Farm
25th May	Last day of the half term
More information on all events to follow.	

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Dinosaurs



All Saints CE School and Nursery,
Bishop's Stortford

Welcome back!



We have started our new topic of 'Dinosaurs' and the children are already full of enthusiasm. Our welcome slides have proved to be a huge hit and our secret dinosaur egg is already grabbing the children's imagination. We are so excited to see which dinosaur will hatch from it! A key focus this term is starting the transition to Reception in September - we want all the children to be as confident about the change as they possibly can be. With this in mind, we will be focusing our Child Initiated Learning on the outside areas and inside Oak classroom. We will also have our Foundation Stage Collective Worship in the Reception classroom so the children will be totally familiar with the new environment.



Literacy

We will be practising our listening and speaking skills with small group circle times and providing lots of discussion stimulus with a dinosaur focus. We will be exploring what makes us unique and special through our Talk for Writing story "The Little Dinosaur" that the children will learn to tell using actions and drama over the next few weeks.

We will be introducing the Oxford Reading Tree characters and using the first level of books to see how stories are structured, suggest possible endings and to predict what will happen next. We will use our interest in dinosaurs to use information texts and the computers to find out facts about our favourite dinosaurs. We will be using whiteboards, markers, post cards and post-it notes to practise 'writing' and will turn our sound board into a gallery for our work.



The children really enjoy our daily phonics sessions. They are fantastic at remembering our phonic songs and recognising the letter shapes. We are continuing to practise putting the sounds together to 'read' simple words but are now adding physical letter formation using white boards to begin to 'write' simple words too.

We will still have a weekly sound that we learn and ask children to bring in objects starting with that sound for our Friday 'show and tell' session.

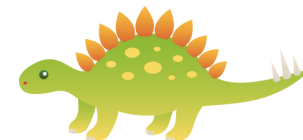


Maths

We will continue to practise counting and number recognition up to 10, but extend the children to record their own numbers and place them in sequence. We will be using the outside sand and water areas to explore capacity and weight. Focusing on our 'Dinosaur' topic, we will be measuring to see how high and how long they are. We will be recapping 2D shapes and using them to make patterns and models.

The wider curriculum

During our creative activities, we will be inspired by dinosaurs. We will be making 3D models and investigating ways of joining materials together to represent our favourite ones. We will be looking at patterns and texture to decorate the reptiles and making footprint patterns to follow and track the dinosaurs down.



Each week our 'Understanding the World' will focus on the natural world. We will be growing our own food and using it in our cooking and looking at our school environment as nature detectives - our caterpillar eggs are on the way and we are super excited to see how they grow. Unfortunately the resources and ingredients for these activities add up, so we do ask for a **voluntary contribution of £3 per half term.**