

We will be exploring how our environment changes as the weather becomes colder and then how we can spot signs of new life and we enter spring. Our Forest school activities will continue on a Friday and children will need a warm coat and welly boots so they are warm and toasty as we enjoy the outside.

We will be looking at how people celebrate at the beginning of February when it is Chinese New Year. Our celebrations will include trying and cooking different food, making models and pictures and learning how people celebrate in different parts of the world.

After half term we will be looking at a very special large dinosaur egg to grab the children's imagination. We will be learning about the different type of dinosaurs and will learn their names.

Physical Education

We will continue to have our PE sessions on a Tuesday this term. Please can children come in in their PE kits on a Tuesday morning. We will be focussing on our skills of control and movement on the big apparatus. After half term we will be working on yoga and dance

As the weather can be unpredictable, please make sure your child has a warm waterproof coat in school everyday - as well as hats, scarves and gloves for cold days and welly boots if it is wet or snowy. We try to use our outside areas everyday and the children love experiencing everything the British climate throws at us!

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

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Acorns Nursery Newsletter Spring Term

Winter Weather



Dinosaurs

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The children have returned this term full of enthusiasm and joy for learning and we hope they will enjoy our focus work this term. We are all very excited about the changes in the weather and frosty mornings and so are going to be concentrating on the changes in our outside environment for the first half of this term with a topic on winter weather.

Many of the class love stories about creatures and playing with them in our small world areas so after half term we will expand this interest through focused work on dinosaurs. We will be grabbing your children's imagination with a special 'egg' that will hatch into a dinosaur . If your child would like to bring in anything relating to either topic, we would love share with them.

Literacy

We will be practising our listening and speaking skills with small group circle times and providing lots of discussion stimulus from outside walks and frosty experiments. We will be exploring what makes us unique and special through our morning welcome song - encouraging children to explore how they are feeling.

We will be using our daily reading sessions to look at how stories are structured, suggest possible endings and to predict what will happen next. Later we will use our interest in dinosaurs to use information texts and the computers to find out facts about our favourite dinosaurs.

Our literacy focus this term is to encourage the children to make marks on paper as a start to becoming independent writers. Every week we will concentrate on making special marks on paper and practice writing our names. 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 written work.

On a Tuesday morning at 11.40 we will start a books sharing and library session to which grown ups are invited. We will share stories and everyone will be able to take a book home for the week to share and read together.

We shall be continuing with our daily phonics sessions, practising our listening skills through games and activities. 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

Our maths focus this term is counting and number recognition up to 10. We will also be looking at mathematical terms such as more/less and most/least. We will be exploring shape and using positional language to describe and make repeating patterns. Focusing on our 'Dinosaur' topic, we will be comparing and measuring different types of dinosaurs and exploring shapes as we make 'dinosaurs' out of 2d and 3d shapes.

The wider curriculum

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

Each Thursday we will focus on 'Understanding the World' and changes. We will be cooking and trying different foods; exploring the natural world with investigations in the classroom and outside and looking at animals that live in an environment different from our own. We will be trying foods from different areas as part of celebrating Chinese New Year at the beginning of February.