

Welcome back to Nursery and to the Summer term. This term our topic is

## Dinosaurs



We have a few books to share this half term with the main focus being on our fiction text 'Dinosaur Roar' and an introduction to non-fiction using 'Let's talk about dinosaurs' and 'Peep inside Dinosaurs'. I am sure the children will be able to retell the stories independently and we will be keeping a special listening ear out for children using our new dinosaur related topic words in their play. We will also learn some new dinosaur rhymes. We will continue to work hard on our writing skills as we learn our letters and sounds, write our names and draw recognisable objects.

### How you can help your child:

Choose a book from our library box to take home and read together. Provide writing materials and encourage them to 'mark make'. Look at writing in the environment, for example street and shop names. Write their name and encourage them to try.



Our book 'Ten Terrible Dinosaurs' will help us to continue to develop our careful counting skills and number recognition. We will group and compare sets as well as working out how we could work out how many we have altogether. We will begin to learn the names of 3D shapes and start to use correct Maths vocabulary to describe 2D shapes. The dinosaurs will help us explore comparing height, weight and length and to learn the correct words to describe them. We will continue to use shapes to make models and develop our understanding of pattern.

### How you can help your child:

Count – anything and everything! Look at numbers in the environment, for example, door numbers, registration numbers, bus numbers. Show the children how you measure and what you would use to measure with for example, measuring jugs, tape measures, rulers.

The children will be thinking about the variety of ways in which dinosaurs would move and incorporating this into their dance lessons. The children will continue to develop their independence in managing their own clothes, dressing and toileting as well as considering safety for themselves and others as they run, climb and play on outdoor equipment.

### How you can help your child:

Encourage them to take off and put on their own coat and shoes and to take care of their own belongings. Remind them of the importance of hand washing and show them how to do this including drying their hands thoroughly.



Dance is on a **Thursday** so please remove your child's earrings on this day.  
Please send a pair of named wellies into Nursery so the children can play out in whatever weather.  
If it is raining the Nursery will provide waterproof clothing for the children to wear over their own clothing. However, on occasions the children may still get a little wet or muddy when they are having fun in the mud kitchen or water trays!

**Please ensure that you have put your child's name in their clothing.**



Please check the Parent notice board for up and coming events as well as activities we will be carrying out with the children on both a daily and weekly basis.

Stay and Play is on a Friday from 9 until 10 am when you are welcome to spend time in Nursery with your child. A list of appointments throughout the summer term when you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's key worker during stay and play can also be found on the notice board. In the meantime, should you wish to speak to a member of staff at any time, please do not hesitate to do so.

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