

Year 1 Autumn 1

Our topic is...



Dinosaur

Roar!

## Supporting your child's learning at home

The most effective way of supporting your child's learning is by taking an interest in what they are doing. This leaflet should give you a starting point for talking about what learning your child is doing at school. There are ideas below to support their learning at home.

### English

Our English this half term will be focusing on Dinosaur stories. We shall be starting the half term by writing a recount of what we did during our Summer Holidays. We will then move on to writing labels, lists and signs for a Great Dinosaur Hunt. We will discuss what we like about a story and will start to predict what may happen. The children will then see if they notice any repeating patterns in the stories. We will also be exploring recitation and learning a short dinosaur story by heart and adding awesome actions. We will be using drama activities to explore the emotions of the characters. Our focus will be on repetitive language, use of lists and the use of punctuation expected for Year 1 children.

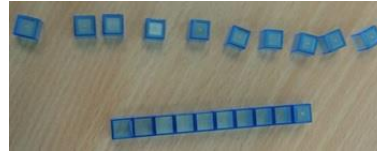


#### **At home you could:**

- Read with your child regularly and practise the phonic sounds in the Reading Diary.
- Expand your child's vocabulary by discussing more challenging and exciting words when reading to them.
- Speak to your child about what they are reading and encourage them to think about what might happen next or to consider why a character may be feeling as they are. This will help with their inference skills.
- Learn weekly spelling words.
- Practise handwriting when learning spelling words.

## Mathematics

This half term we shall start by comparing objects by the height, weight and length. This leads into sorting objects from around the classroom into groups and we will then use our counting skills to see how many we have altogether in the group. We will then look closely at comparing numbers - looking at more, less, equal to. We will then move on to place value to ten, beginning by using objects and then moving on to using bead strings, counters, ten sticks and ones. We will be looking at some problems involving reasoning and higher order thinking where the children will have to explain how or why in words.



### **At home, you could:**

- Compare numbers up to 10.
- Start to recognise and apply number bonds to 10.
- Help your child with their maths homework on Education City.

## Science

During this half term, our theme for Science is around 'Our Senses'. We shall be naming and finding out what each sense is and why it is important. We will be looking at how our bodies have changed as we are growing up. We will link this to dinosaur bones and compare which bones they have that we have, linking nicely to this term's Topic of 'Dinosaur Roar!'.

Finally, to end the half term we will be identifying animals into simple groups, including groups based on animal diets.



## DT

In our DT sessions, we will be linking our learning to our Dinosaur theme. The children will explore and investigate how toys work and will then design and create their own Pop-Up Toy. After we have created our own toy, we shall then use our reflective ladybird skills to evaluate our work.



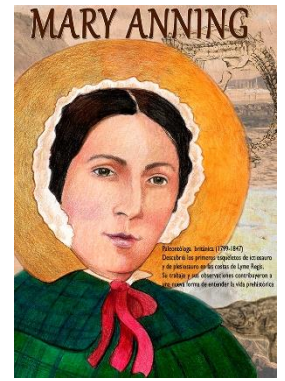
We will also be exploring, planning and creating our own Salads and fruit salads.

## History

During our History sessions, we will be developing our knowledge and investigating the life of Mary Anning who was a female fossil hunter. We will find out about when she lived, how she worked and why she worked and how important she is to the history of Dinosaur discovery in this country. We will hire artefacts from



Hampshire County Council and become history detectives as we uncover information about Mary Anning's life.



## Music

During Music, we will be learning through our Musical Programme, Charanga. The song we are learning this term is 'Hey You'. We shall be exploring the style of 'Old-School Hip-Hop'. We will learn about the differences between pulse, rhythm and pitch and learn how to rap and enjoy it in its original form. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Old-School Hip Hop tunes.



## P.E

**In year 1, PE is on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Please send your children in PE clothes on these days. The weather may be chilly, so please put them in joggers and their normal school PE t-shirt with a school sweatshirt or cardy.**

This half term the children will be taking part in Gymnastics. We will introduce and explore agility. We will also introduce and explore balance and coordination. In the second part of the half term, Children will learn about running. They will explore running. Apply running into a game by running at different speeds. They will then learn about running for speed and acceleration. Finally they will explore running in a team





## R.E

Our topic this half term we shall be looking into how Christians thank God at Harvest time. We will also learn about what the children are thankful for in their own lives.



### Class dojo:



Please remember you can message **any** of the Year 1 teachers on Class dojo with queries or questions that you may have and we will do our very best to respond as soon as we can.

Pine Class - Miss Jackson

Ash Class - Mrs Ellis