

Reception Class Spring Term 1

Fossils and Dinosaurs

This term our theme is Fossils and Dinosaurs - we will be learning about different dinosaurs and what they ate. We will look at fossils and have a go at making our own as well as learning about Palaeontologist Mary Anning. The new vocabulary we will be learning is extinct, prehistoric, fossils, Palaeontologist, herbivore, carnivore and omnivore.

PE

Our PE day will be Tuesday this term. Charlotte one of our PE coaches will be teaching the children Fundamental movement skills. Please ensure long hair is tied back and ear-rings are removed or they will be covered with micro-pore tape.

Communication and Language

Before Christmas we completed the language screen for NELI (Language intervention programme). Mrs Burgess will start working with a small group of children from next week. We will send a letter home with the children who are taking part by the end of this week.

To help with language development we are also introducing a *Concept Cat* story each week to teach early verbal concepts. *Concept Cat* word of the week will be added onto Tapestry so you can use the word with your child at home.

Phonics

This term we are starting to use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Phonics Scheme. You may find we are repeating phonemes we have already covered because they are taught in a different order in this scheme.

Reading books will now be changed on a Wednesday and Friday, children will be reading the same book for longer or again as we are looking for them to be able to read the book independently with fluency. Please try and hear your child read for a few minutes every day and write in their reading diaries.

Please don't hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions or queries. Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Class Team