



Termly Newsletter Rainbow Class

Term 5 –April 2017

This term our topic will be ‘Dragons and Dinosaurs’. The activities we undertake will be cross-curricular with lots of music, art and drama and there will also be opportunities for the children to develop their own interests. We will start off with the story of ‘Saint George and the Dragon’. After that we will use the story of ‘Puff the Magic Dragon’ and then ‘The Trouble with Dragons’. We will be thinking about how we effect the environment and what we can do to help to improve it. We will listen to dragon poems and use non-fiction texts and the computer to find out information about dinosaurs.

Reading Books

Remember a few minutes each day is best. Please encourage the children to look for as much detail as they can in the pictures to aid comprehension and talk about these using full sentences.

Sounds and Keywords

Please find ways to go over these as much as possible, for example, by spotting them in story books and other text in everyday contexts. The children need to be able to chop and blend the sounds together to be able to read.

Explorer Books

Please keep up the good work done so far in these books. Please encourage your child to show these first thing in the morning when they arrive at school. There is an expectation that children should be able to write a simple sentence at the end of the foundation stage, please help your child to achieve this goal! Please let the children write in these without any adult support.

Library Books

The children can change these on Friday mornings.

Number and Shape

This work this term will be tailored very closely to the needs of the children and will vary depending on which group they are in. As a general guide, the children need to be able to count, recognise and order numbers to 20, be able to say what is one more or less than a given number and add/subtract small quantities. They should be able to name and describe 2D/3D shapes, order items by weight and length using comparative language to describe these. Please support your child in any way you can, especially if they are struggling with any of these areas. Children excelling in these areas will be required to apply these skills in problem solving situations and record their work.

Show and Tell

Children are welcome to bring in items linked to our topic or items of interest. These need to be in a named see-through bag and put in the 'show and tell' box. Each child has been given a specific day each week.

Home Activities

This term children could do some of the following tasks and bring them in for 'Show and Tell'....

Find a dragon or dinosaur joke to tell to the class during show-and-tell.

Research dinosaur facts using books and the computer and present them as a poster.

Visit The Natural History Museum in Oxford or London. Draw some pictures of the artefacts and write about it in the 'Explorer Book'.

Any other writing based activity.

Forest School

The children have really enjoyed visiting the local natural site to undertake outdoor learning activities linked to our curriculum learning. During the summer term we shall visit Sulham Woods. When the children go to the woods they will need to have a small comfy rucksack with the following items in each week; small water bottle, easy to eat snack, tissues and mini packet of hand wipes. Please see notice board for dates.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Whitehall if you have any concerns at all. Thank you.

