

## How You can Help at home.



### Reading

This half term we are looking at dinosaurs. We have been reading dinosaur stories in class such as Harry and the dinosaurs, bumposaurus and roar! In your child's reading diary we have introduced a new record sheet giving you the opportunity to tell us if your child has enjoyed the story by drawing a happy or a sad face. As you know reading at home for just 5-10 minutes a night can make all the difference to your child's development and we encourage you to continue supporting your child with their reading at home. We will continue to offer a stay and read session on a Thursday for half an hour giving you the opportunity to stay and read with your child and treat yourself to a biscuit.



### Writing

In class we are looking at holding our pen's and pencil's correctly and working on our pencil control, we have been mark making with numerous pens, pencils and markers to enhance our pencil grip. We will offer activities such as threading and lacing, mark making and practical activities to develop our grips, grasps and strengthen our in-hand strength. We will begin to send children with homework on a Friday to be handed in for a Monday in order for parents to help encourage children with their writing at home.



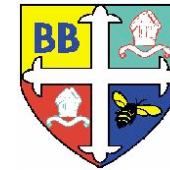
### Numeracy

In numeracy we have been encouraging children with their sorting objects according to shape and size for example: children are to sort squares, circles and triangles into sections. You can encourage your child to do this at home by sorting different objects such as cutlery, fruit, toys according to colour, size, shape etc.. We will continue to encourage children to count to 10 and back down to zero through nursery rhymes, counting games and our number line



### Useful Websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/eyps/>



## Nursery

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We Work, We Play,



We Care, We Pray



# Half Termly Overview of Work



## Literacy

As we have been looking at dinosaurs for our topic we have been encouraging children to extend their vocabulary by describing dinosaurs in detail such as big, sharp teeth... we have been reading dinosaur rhymes and stories and watching dinosaur videos to help develop children's knowledge and understanding.

Within class we will continue to encourage pencil control and will be sending home work pencil control sheets for the children to trace.



## Numeracy

In Numeracy we have been looking at how dinosaurs lived a very long time ago and encourage children to use language such as old and new, as well as big and small. We have been looking at shapes such as squares, circles, triangles and hexagons and creating our own dinosaurs by deciding which shapes we would use for the different body parts. We will also continue to re-enforce counting to 10 and extend by counting back down to 0, we have been placing the correct number of pegs on the dinosaur with the corresponding number.

## Class Routines



### Snack

Children will be offered a healthy morning snack. As we have accumulated a surplus of snack money we will not require any more snack money until the end of term. We will re-instate after the winter holidays



**28** Dates to remember  
Bank Holiday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
School closes on 21<sup>st</sup> May  
School re-opens on 8<sup>th</sup> June



### School Trips

There are currently no trips planned.

## Topic

Our topic is dinosaurs this term and we are enjoying learning about all the dinosaurs. We even went on a dinosaur hunt and saw baby dinosaurs hatching from eggs. We have a dinosaur swamp in class to help enhance imagination, mark making, sensory, knowledge and understanding skills.

We will be making our own dinosaurs from paper plates, our own fossils from salt dough and will enjoy making dinosaurs from shapes.

## Phonics

In Phonics we are looking at noises we can make with our voices, these include sounds we make in play such as "wheeeeeeeee" down a slide or "Shhhhhhhhhhhh" in conversation. We encourage you to help your child explore voice sounds at home. We have also been looking at the first sound of our name for example: "mmmmmm" for Miss Moran etc it would be useful for you to work on this with your child at home to become familiar with initial sounds.



## RE

This half term we will continue to say our prayers within each session.



## Computing

Children have access to ipads within continuous provision for them to learn how to effectively work the ipad and encourage them to play educational games



**PE** - To keep fit nursery regularly have access to outdoors, nature area and occasionally complete dancing routines and stretches



## Homework

We will send home a reading book every week to be read for 5 minutes every night. We will be sending home work on a Friday for children to complete with parents.

