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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a lovely half term break. Here are a couple of notices for the coming term. Our topic for this last term is 'Dinosaurs'.

Daily Routine

Your child's teacher will continue to come and greet you outside just before 8:40. To support the children to settle in and to increase their independence, we expect the children to line up outside and to come into school by themselves carrying all their things. Thank you for your support with the morning routine, which is working well. **Please ensure that you say goodbye to your child in the courtyard.**

Reading Books

We are continuing to send home phonetically decodable books on Wednesdays. Reading records are collected on a Wednesday to allow the teachers to look at your amazing home learning and reading. The book your child chooses may be a title they have read before. We want to reiterate that a book is appropriate if it builds on a child's fluency and comprehension skills. To allow your child to delve deeper into books by discussing the features, characters and content, your child should be able to read without overly sounding out to ensure reading does not become very strenuous. We are aware that relying on sounding out decreases children's enjoyment and engagement in books and makes it difficult to remember and comprehend what they have read. Encourage your children to read the words they are familiar with in their heads (gradually become quicker or more fluent each time). Please also continue to practise with the phonics cards we have sent home. When your child is reading an unfamiliar word, we are encouraging the children to look at the whole word first, then to spot any digraphs/trigraphs in the word and finally to read the word using their phonic skills.

Phonics Screening Check

During the week beginning the 10th June, your child's class teacher is required by the government to assess each child's phonics skills with a 'check' activity. This will comprise of a series of words: real and 'alien' words (i.e. nonsense made-up words) for each child to sound out and read with their classteacher (who knows them best) in a relaxed, calm and quiet environment. We do not want your child to worry about this and we know that they will try their best. The information from this check will inform your child's current, and new, classteacher of any help your child may need to continue to make progress with their phonics and reading.

To support your child, you could continue to practise at home using the phonics cards; the children are finding identifying the split digraphs the most tricky.

Book Recommendations

This year we are making termly suggestions for a reading that would be good to share with your child.

This term's recommendations are:

Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs series

Dinosaur Roar

Dinosaur Non-Fiction books

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Goodbyes

We are sad to say good bye to Anisha Roberts on Friday 14th June and Charlotte Hanger on Thursday 27th June. We will miss them both but wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Curriculum

We will be continuing with our more structured mornings, ensuring that there is a clear daily focus on phonics, reading, writing and maths. The children will still have 'Enquiry Time' in the afternoons where they can apply their new knowledge learnt from the morning sessions and follow a line of investigation. In the afternoons, there will be a short session to explore other areas of the curriculum such as art, science, computing, RE and PSHE. Please be assured that we will monitor this provision closely and will continue to be flexible to the needs of the children.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Coverage</i>
Maths	Equal groups as the first step to multiplication and division and Shape and Space
Literacy	Dinosaurs and Story Writing
Science	Seasons and the Human Body
RE	What makes some stories special in religion?
PSHE	Coping with change
Computing	Using computers to research and capture information

Reading Record

Please ensure this book is in your child's book bag every day, they will be collected on Wednesdays. It is important that we keep you up to date on the guided reading we do with your child.

Homework

Will be given out to the children on Fridays and returned to school on Wednesdays. If homework is handed in late it will not be looked at until the following week.



PE

Our PE day this term will be on a Thursday afternoon. All PE kit must be named. Earrings must be covered and hair must be tied back. Please keep PE kits in school everyday in case of timetable changes or wet weather.



Drama Workshop

Wednesday 12th June
Mermaids, Pirates and Peter Pan

Spelling Bee: In class challenge

Thursday 6th June

Cake Crumbly

Thursday 20th June

Library Books

Please could you return the children's library books to school by Friday 21st June.

Get Active Week and Sports Day

Wednesday 26th
June 9am

Natural History Museum Trip

Friday 28th June

Thank you for your continued support,
Year 1 Team

