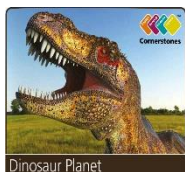




Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed the break. Here's an insight into some of the exciting learning and experiences we have planned for the next 5 weeks.



Our topic, this term, is '**Dinosaur Planet**'. This topic will run over the whole term, continuing after the February half-term break.

Stomp, crash, roar! Watch out – there are dinosaurs about! Yes, that's right, we're travelling back in time to the age of the dinosaurs. This half term we will look closely at ancient fossils and study reptiles to understand how dinosaurs may have lived and eventually died out. We'll study what dinosaurs liked to eat and learn dinosaur names. We'll also use our artistic skills to design and make dinosaur puppets. The children have fully embraced our previous topics and have set themselves high standards in their Learning. Please support your child with their **home learning**. We look forward to seeing their creations!

In Literacy, we will be looking at a range of poetry and fiction, including 'Dinosaurs Galore' and 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants' alongside non-fiction texts, exploring facts about dinosaurs. As always reading continues to be an important aspect of our curriculum. Please ensure that your child reads regularly at home and changes their book at least twice a week. Your child will need to **read and have their yellow reading log signed at least three times per week** in order to earn a raffle ticket for a small prize.



In maths we will continue to develop the children's mathematical vocabulary and skills in counting, addition and subtraction. We will be practicing counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10s. We will also be working on a wide range of areas including time, shape, money and measures. Please continue to encourage your children to remember the days of the week, months of the year and to read and write numbers as words and numerals up to at least 50.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 10th February – Half term. School closed to pupils.

Friday 23rd February – Palaeontologist visit in school (look out for more information and cost, coming soon)

Friday 16th March – Doncaster Museum Visit (more information to follow)

Reminders: Children need:

- PE is every Monday and Tuesday. A full PE kit with pumps and trainers as the weather improves, is required. Bring it on Monday and leave it until Friday.
- Diary, Reading log and reading book to be returned daily.
- Return home learning on or before Friday each week.
- A named water bottle to refill and bring in daily.
- Please name all items of clothing and belongings to avoid loss or confusion.
- Milk is available and can be ordered and paid for via www.coolmilk.com



Regular updates and further information can be found on the **FREE OurSchoolsApp**.

Thank you for your continued support from the Year 1 team.

Mrs Birkinshaw, Mrs Shuka and Miss Taylor.

