

Ash Class
Spring First Half Term
January - February 2018



This newsletter will give you an overview of the learning that will take place over the first half of the Spring Term.

Our theme for this half term is

Dinosaurs

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this half term we will be focussing on developing positive relationships with other children. We will complete lots of pair/team building activities involving speaking and listening to help children take into account other children's feelings.

Physical Development

This half term we will be focussing on developing fine and gross motor skills through co-ordination of large and small movements using equipment in the classroom and during PE. Our PE session is a Wednesday morning so please ensure kits are in school, if your child wears earrings please ensure they are removed on a Wednesday.

Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term we will be focussing on a range of different books relating to our topic beginning with 'Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs' and 'Dinosaurs love underpants'. We will add actions to the stories and the children will develop literacy skills by completing various writing activities relating to the books.

Phonics will be taught daily, we will continue to cover the 'Letters and Sounds Phases'. We will also continue to learn tricky/high frequency words through 'Mr Mc's Super Power Words'.

Mathematical Development

During this half term the children will continue to develop their understanding and recognition of numbers from 1-20, we will focus on placing correctly in order and recognising which number is one more or one less than a given number. We will also begin to look at doubling/halving numbers and understanding what is meant by the terms 'double/half'.

Understanding the World

This half term, we will look closely at the history of dinosaurs and their existence. We will also look at differences between herbivores/carnivores and how the features are similar to animals that are in existence today. Towards the end of the half term, we will also look at Chinese traditions when celebrating Chinese New Year.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have the opportunity to make their own dinosaur fossils using salt dough and experiment creating dinosaur bones. We will use instruments to make music reflecting how different dinosaurs moved, as well as researching the different heights/sizes of dinosaurs and their footprints in groups to create artwork on the playground.

Many Thanks

Miss Goodman and Mrs Gregory