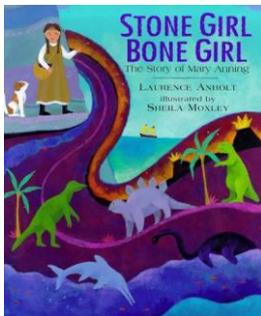
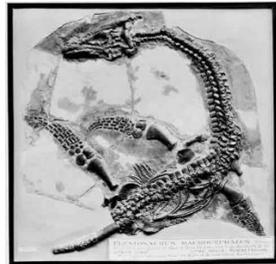
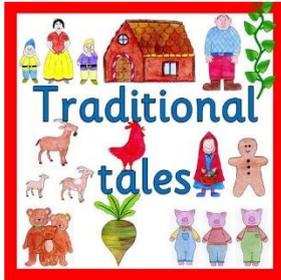


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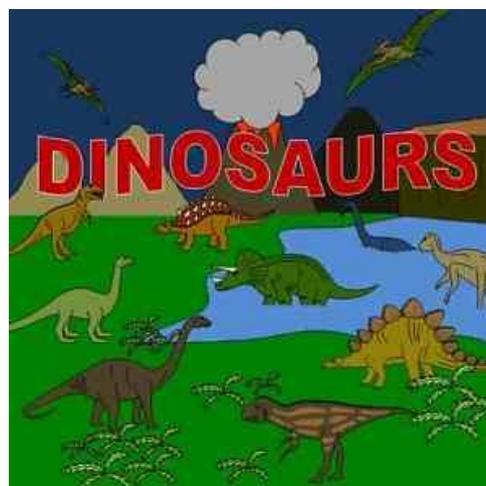
Spring Term 1st Half Term

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



English

We will begin the term by looking at a number of different traditional tales and different versions of these. The children will then create their own 'mixed up' fairy tale where they will combine different characters and plots from different traditional tales. We will then read the book 'Stone Girl, Bone Girl' based on Mary Anning. This links directly to our topic of 'Dinosaurs' and the children will also look a number of non-fiction books. If your child has any dinosaur books at home that they would be happy to share with their friends we plan to have an area in the classroom with books about our topic. Please make sure all books are named and we will return them at the end of this half term, thank you.

Maths

This half term we will be developing our understanding of multiplication and division. We will begin by identifying equal groups and then move onto looking at multiplication in pictures and then arrays. We will then focus on division and finding equal groups and understand the division symbol. We will continue to develop our reasoning and problem solving skills linked to multiplication and division. Please continue to practise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables at home.

Science

During this half term the focus for Science will be 'Animals Including Humans'. We begin this topic by looking at animals and linking baby animals to their adult animals. We will look at animals that come from eggs and those that come from their Mother. We will also look at how animals and humans change as they grow and complete an investigation to see if children get faster as they get older. We will learn about basic needs of animals and humans and then move onto healthy eating, exercise and hygiene.

PE

During this half term the children will continue our focus of 'Dance'. The children love 'Cosmic Yoga' so we are going to continue to use this during our warm up for the sessions. The children will work in groups to create different dances linked to a series of different styles of music. They will include different balances and will move in the style of dinosaurs!

Computing

Children will be taught how to create PowerPoint presentations this half term. They will use the internet, books and leaflets to research about Mary Anning and Dinosaurs. At the end of the term the children will present their PowerPoint in pairs to the class. They will learn how to save their work, how to copy and paste pictures and change fonts and colours.

History/Geography

This half term will begin a History focus on the life of Mary Anning. The children will learn about where she lived, why she became famous and what life was like when she was alive. They will compare life then to now. They will then move onto looking at maps of the UK and identifying the 'Jurassic Coast'. The children will compare this coastline to others around the world.

Art and Design Technology

The children will focus their learning on 'Landscape and Cities' they will begin the topic by studying paintings by Monet. They will create their own painting in the style of Monet using their fingers to paint. They will then move onto looking at Van Gogh and his landscape paintings. The children will compare different techniques used by the artists and include some in their own art work.

Reading

From 8th January your child will have the opportunity to take home a book from 'Fir Class Library'. These books are from my own collections and the children will therefore be asked to look after the books and ensure they are not lost or damaged. We will have a signing in and out system so that we are able to keep track of the books. The children are all very excited about this and it has been wonderful listening to them talking about which books they want to borrow. We will be focusing greatly on reading this half term and we are also asking the children to tick off every time they read at home on our class chart. Once your child has read 50 times they will receive a reward. It does not have to be 50 books but just that they have read for 50 days/nights. It does not have to be a whole book or even a school reading book, it can be magazines, comics, menus - anything! All we ask is that this is recorded in your child's reading diary. We are just encouraging the class to read as much as possible and to read things they enjoy! We hope that you will support your child with these new things at home.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and all the exciting things the children will experience. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Many Thanks

Mrs Hall

Mrs Taylor