



Eastfield Foundation Stage News!

January 2020



Welcome back- we hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. We'd like to wish all of our families a happy new year!

Our topic for the Spring Term is 'Yabba Dabba Doo!'



Over the coming weeks the children will travel back in time to answer the question: 'Could Fred have had a dinosaur for a pet?' We will...

- enjoy reading a wide range of stories linked to our topic.
 - carry out research to find out about the Stone Age using a range of sources including non-fiction books, iPads and the internet.
 - make use of lots of mark making opportunities ranging from creating our own cave art to labelling and writing captions and sentences about prehistoric life.
 - explore patterns in the environment and create our own 2 and 3 step repeating patterns using natural materials.
 - measure, compare and order prehistoric animals by size.
 - be 'Paleontologists' digging for bones and fossils.
 - explore different religious celebrations in RE. We will compare New Year celebrations in the UK and China..
 - set targets in our PSHE unit this term 'Dreams and Goals'
 - continue to work on rhythm and beat in our 'Everyone' music unit. We will also continue to add to our growing repertoire of nursery rhymes.
 - develop our ball manipulation skills in our PE sessions including different ways of sending, receiving and travelling with a ball.
 - use colour mixing to make our own mud paints and then create our own cave art designs.
 - build shelters and make tools using the materials that would have been available in the Stone Age
- ...and much, much more!

Reports and Parent Meetings

Nursery & Reception Parent Meetings will be held week commencing 3rd February. During this appointment you will be given your child's mid-year report and you will be able to discuss their progress and any queries you may have with their class teacher.
More information about appointments will be available nearer the time.



Stone Age Dress Up Day

To launch our topic, children are invited to dress as a Stone Age person or animal on Wednesday 15th January. They could wear faux-fur/leather/suede, animal print or a onesie. Don't worry if you haven't got anything suitable - if your child comes into school wearing a plain top and trousers/leggings, we will have plenty of spare animal print fabric for them to wear. Throughout the day there will be a range of themed activities for them to enjoy.

Early Years Reading Shed

Look out for our brand new Reading Shed which is near the Early Years gate. The reading shed is open at the start and end of each day. You are welcome to browse and borrow a book for you and your child to enjoy together at home and return it when you have finished and choose another one.



On Thursday 23rd January 'Dino-star' will be visiting the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children in school. Children will take part in a workshop with hands on activities featuring genuine dinosaur fossils.

Parent Collaboration Sessions



We will be holding Parent Collaboration sessions on Wednesday 26th February. We hope you will be able to come and be creative with your child.

On the day, we'd love you to make an erupting volcano. We will provide some basic craft resources to make a model of a volcano. We will also provide some ingredients for you to mix to create an eruption. Please start collecting any useful materials that you'll need - including a plastic bottle to go in the centre of your volcano

Session times will be 9.15am to 10.30am & 1.45pm to 3pm
Please see your child's teacher nearer to the time to be advised which session to attend.