



Monkton CEP School
Bees, Class 1 Newsletter - T4
'In God's eyes, everyone is special'



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will continue to play turn taking games and practice following rules of a game.
- We will spend thinking about how we show different emotions and discussing worries with our worry monster.
- We will carry out tasks with help from Boris the robot with a heart and thinks of ways to keep our hearts happy.
- We will continue to play turn taking games and practice following rules of a game.

Dangerous Dinosaurs

This exciting project teaches children about the different animals that roamed Earth millions of years ago and how they are related to animals that live on Earth today.

Puddles and Rainbows

This mini project teaches children about the weather that happens during spring and allows them to explore natural phenomena, including rainbows. It supports them to explore colour in the natural world.

Physical Development

This term, we are going to learn to move like dinosaurs and learn some dinosaur dance moves. We will also have some dough-discos. Also, we are very exciting to be started our sessions with our sports coach every Tuesday. He will be teaching us important sporting skills as well as playing lots of fun games with us. Please can PE kits be in school every day now.

Communication and Language

This term, we are going to focus on developing the children's ability to express thoughts and opinions. We are going to do this by...

- Invite the children to share what they have found out about dinosaurs from information they have got from books
- Develop dino vocabulary using books and videos as a stimulus
- Encourage children to compare and contrast dinosaurs to the animals that live today

Literacy
Phonics

We will continue to practice the sounds we already know and really focus on those tricky digraphs. We will also be looking at methods to read and write longer words.

Writing

We will be writing all about dinosaurs and will even write our own mini stories. We are going to really focus on sentence writing this term. Children will begin to think about finger spaces, full stops and capital letters.

Reading

We're going to be reading lots of dino books this term and not just story books but also non-fiction books packed full with information! Children will continue to read with the adults in the room

Mathematics

Counting

Children are going to continue with their awesome counting skills this term and we will focus a lot of number bonds to 10. We will also continue to look at addition and the think about subtraction.

Patterns

In this unit, children will be encouraged to recognise, extend, create and explain simple repeating patterns. They will consider patterns not just in pictures but in their everyday environment and using sounds, words and actions.

RE

Understanding Christianity and Easter

Why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden?

We will find out why Easter is so significant to Christians and what they believe Jesus did during this time. We will learn what the cross symbolises. We will end the unit by making our own Easter gardens.

Other Specific Areas

Understanding the World

We're going to do lots of fun things this term, including:

- Making dinosaur shadows and drawing around them to create a dino picture!
- Create a dinosaur island with volcanoes and jungles.
- Chalk the lengths of different dinosaurs onto the playground and measure how long they would be in real life!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will

- Perform songs, rhymes, poems and stories with others, and - when appropriate - try to move in time with music.
- Make dinosaur rubbings using textured wallpaper, paint and crayons
- Make dinosaur footprints using dinosaur models

Websites

- Games to aid Letters and Sounds, using the pure sound.
- <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2.html>
- Counting forwards and backwards through song:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/mathematics/countingsongs>
- A variety of mathematic games:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>

Diary Dates

Monday 20th February- Term 4 begins

Friday 24th February- fancy dress costume swap date

Friday 3rd March- World Book Day

Monday 13th March- Friday 17th March- Science Week

Friday 17th March- Red Nose Day

Thursday 23rd March- World Maths Day

Friday 24th March- Disco!

Friday 31st March- Last day of Term

Monday 17th April- Term 5 begins