

Communication and language (Prime)

This half term our topic in Reception will be Dinosaurs. We will be finding out all about Dinosaurs and sharing lots of stories linked to Dinosaurs. The children will be encouraged to think about using our imaginations and words to describe characters in stories and how animals are used in stories. We are focussing on taking turns in conversations, listening to others and showing awareness of others when we share a conversation and share different ideas.

What you can do to help-Enjoy reading stories together at home. Think about the characters and how they might feel or behave. Look at books containing dinosaurs or even add a dinosaur to your favourite bedtime story and see where your imaginations take you. Think about using your voices- how might the dinosaurs in the story sound if they spoke to you? Collect dinosaur facts and can you say all of the names correctly.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Prime)

We are looking at building relationships and managing our feelings and behaviours in lots of different ways. We will be using stories, puppets and role play to explore feelings and frustrations and how we can resolve issues and find ways to help each other. We will learn all about challenges and keeping going when things are tricky for us. We will explore different dinosaur facts and enjoy dinosaur stories.

What can you do to help? Talk about when things don't go your way and how you feel. Think about helping someone who is stuck. Talk about different feelings in different situations that make us feel certain ways.

Maths (Specific)

In maths we will be further exploring numbers and counting beyond 10. We will be learning about the meaning of numbers, representing and comparing numbers and looking at more and less. We will be investigating 2d shapes including circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides. We will learn about sequencing events and time.

What can you do to help? Practice touch counting of objects and compare quantities. Who has more/less? Can you find shapes in your home- talk about the shapes- how many sides does it have? Think about the order of your day- what comes first, next, after.

Physical Development (Prime)

This half term we will be working on our pencil control and using tools eg scissors. We will be using dough disco to manipulate dough using our hands and fingers. In PE we will be focussing on developing our overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility. We will be using the large apparatus to help us both indoors and outdoors.

What you can do to help? Lots of activities to develop good pencil control, drawing, colouring and practicing writing and forming letters. Practice climbing, balancing and travelling in different ways- hopping, skipping, jumping. Please encourage your child to dress and undress independently and put shoes on the correct feet and fasten coats.

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Expressive arts and Design (Specific)

We will explore different materials to create with and think about the best materials and tools to use for a given job. We will explore colours and the use of colour linked to fireworks and bonfire night. The children will be encouraged to create by working together, sharing ideas, resources and skills in a variety of ways. **What you can do to help?** Encourage your child to observe different colours and how they are used in different ways- what colour are in the environment e.g. traffic lights. Look at what different objects are made of- wood, plastic, paper and why those materials were used to make a given object.

Understanding the world (specific)

We will be talking about members of our immediate family and community. We will name and describe people who are special to us and look at families and what we enjoy together. Our RE topics are 'Special People' and 'Christmas' and we will be exploring traditions and our feelings linked to special people and celebrations. **What can you do to help?** Talk about people in our families and labels we have- Mummy, Daddy, brothers and sisters, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, Think about things we enjoy with different people in our family and how all families are different and special.

Literacy (Specific)

This half term we will be exploring non-fiction texts linked to Dinosaurs and Dinosaur stories. We will discuss story characters and our imaginations and how stories begin and end. We will explore non-fiction books and learn some Dinosaur facts.

In writing we are continuing to focus on pencil control and developing our early writing. We are starting to blend our sounds together in Phonics to build words and create sentences orally.

What you can do to help? Use sounds to build words orally- p-i-g makes pig. Ask your child to spot their sounds in their books and enjoy sharing lots of stories together thinking about what happens in the beginning and end of different stories. Lots of emergent writing activities- help to write a shopping list/ name writing/ write a letter to a teddy. Building lego and threading activities also help with writing skills too.