

The Butterflies - Foundation Stage



Dinosaurs

Harry
and his Bucket Full
of Dinosaurs



Communication & language


We will be learning lots of new words associated with dinosaurs and using them in our daily talk and role play.

We will learn the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and using a class story map, we will be able to retell the story, talking about 'who' is in the story and 'what' is happening.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will be discussing the importance of looking after our world and caring for the environment, using the story 'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish!'


We will also be using SEAL materials to discuss 'Going for Goals' and thinking about how much we have changed since we were babies.

 Talk to your child about how they have changed since they were a baby. What can they do now that they couldn't do then? Can you send us some photographs of your child as a baby, a toddler and as they are now to aid our discussions.

Physical Development

We will develop our fine motor skills through scraping, digging, chipping etc at fossils using various small tools. Through our daily Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle sessions we will continue to develop our mark making skills in preparation for beginning to write.

We will continue to develop our spatial awareness during our hall time, playing lots of stop and go games.

 Can your child show you the marks we have been making in Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle?

Literacy


This half term we will be listening for the initial sounds in our names and developing our awareness of rhyming words. When sharing stories we will think about 'who' is in the story and 'what' happened.

Continue to share your favourite stories at home, talking about 'who' is in the story and 'what' has happened.

Mathematical Development

We will be comparing different lengths and heights of dinosaurs using language such as tall, short, bigger, smaller, biggest, long, longest. We will also be using and naming 2D shapes to create dinosaur pictures. We will continue to practise counting objects

to 15, making sure we touch each object as we carefully count them.

 Can you count a group of objects to 15 at home?


Understanding the World

During our weekly visits to the woodlands, we will continue to follow the children's interests and fascinations. We will also be looking for signs of Spring, using magnifying glasses and collection pots. Through our topic of Dinosaurs, we will begin to look at maps to see where dinosaur fossils have been found.

On your way to school, talk about things that you can see, how is Spring starting to show? Can you see some changes over time?

Expressive Arts & Design

Through our creative work we will be mixing colours of nature, to use in our paintings. We will be doing observational drawings of dinosaurs and their features. We will be learning lots of new songs linked to our topics and putting actions to these songs. We will also be experimenting with different instruments.

 Can you capture your child being creative at home e.g. dancing, singing, acting, painting, drawing. Can you upload some photographs to Tapestry to support our judgements of this area of learning.