



Stomp, Chomp, Munch, Crunch

We hope you've had a restful break and are ready for the excitement of our next topic: Stomp, Chomp, Munch, Crunch! In this topic we'll be learning all about dinosaurs. From fossils to the physical characteristics of dinosaurs, their diet to their poo (yes, even their pool) we're learning about it.

We plan to learn about dinosaurs before using our imaginations to design our own. The children's art work this half term will be used to support their writing and we'll be learning some poetry off by heart to recite as a class. There will be numerous exciting opportunities in provision for the children this half term; we're very impressed with their attitude to independent learning so far and look forward to seeing them challenge themselves further during this topic.

Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:			
Stomp, Chomp, Munch, Crunch!		Friday 8 th November: TT Rock Stars Day Thursday 14 th November: Outdoor Learning (2K) Friday 15 th November: Outdoor Learning (2GD) 26 th November: Parent Consultations 4.00-7.30pm 27 th November: Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm 10 th December: KS1 Christmas Concert 2.15pm 11 th December: KS1 Christmas Concert 6.30pm 18 th December: Year 2 Christmas Party			
Homework		Reading		PE Days	
Thank you for the overwhelming support with homework, it is very much appreciated and benefits the children greatly. Learn By Hearts will continue to be sent home fortnightly on a Friday. Children will have two weeks to complete their work and should return their work on the date specified in the book.		Children will have regular reading sessions at school where they read either independently or with an adult and complete quizzes/answer questions to check their comprehension. Please continue to ensure you read with your child at home as often as possible, ideally daily.		Monday – Outdoor PE Thursday – Indoor PE Please ensure children are appropriately dressed in school PE uniform, particularly for the outdoor session during the winter months. Outdoor – Running and jumping Indoor – Balance	
Curriculum					
English		Maths		Science	
Children will be writing facts and questions about dinosaurs. They'll be describing their own dinosaur creation and its habitat too. We'll be reciting and performing poetry as a class and summarising a story from a dinosaur animation. There will be lots of opportunity for children to write in provision e.g. a palaeontology excavation report, instructions on how to navigate a map and dinosaur fact files.		This half term we'll be mastering addition and subtraction using the column method. We'll also be learning our number bonds to 100 and counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s. The children will have plenty of opportunity to practise their maths skills in provision, including maths hunts, ordering numbers with ping pong balls and pairing calculations with their answer (using socks!).		We'll be comparing dinosaurs according to their characteristics and sorting objects into groups: dead, alive and never lived. The children will also need to use their scientific skills to hatch the dinosaur from the egg!	



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<p>Children will be learning about the compass points during our Outdoor Learning session at the nature reserve.</p> <p>We'll also be making a messy map back in school.</p> <p>The children will be learning about fossils and what they tell us about the past and we'll also be covering Mary Anning, the famous fossil finder.</p>	<p>The children will be using a range of media this half term to create art which will then support their written work. They'll be using collage for their own dinosaur and doing some natural art work to create their dinosaur's habitat.</p>	<p>Using the Ipads, children will be working on Purple Mash to complete a number of challenges all about dinosaurs which enhance their logic and reasoning skills as well as furthering their knowledge of simple programming.</p>
Other:		
<p>We'll be using music sessions to rehearse our Christmas nativity songs, perfecting them ready for this year's performance!</p>		