



## Year Two Newsletter: Autumn 1 2021

### Dangerous Dinosaurs!

Welcome to Year Two! Our topic this term is based all around dinosaurs. We will be exploring where dinosaurs lived, what they used to eat, why they became extinct and much more! We will be enhancing our learning by taking a trip to Hirst Wood Nature Reserve to complete some dinosaur themed geography tasks with Mrs Littlewood, our Outdoor Learning Coordinator. All aboard for a great term ahead!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak to us at pick up or telephone or email the school office:

Glennie: Mrs Akhtar [zaibaakhtar@saltaireps.co.uk](mailto:zaibaakhtar@saltaireps.co.uk)

Ellington: Mrs Shillaker (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Woolley (Wed-Fri) [hannahshillaker@saltaireps.co.uk](mailto:hannahshillaker@saltaireps.co.uk), [suewoolley@saltaireps.co.uk](mailto:suewoolley@saltaireps.co.uk)

Our Learning Theme	Important Dates:	
Dinosaurs	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September: Glennie visit to Hirst Wood Nature Reserve Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September: Ellington visit to Hirst Wood Nature Reserve <b>Your child will need to wear their outdoor PE kit, suitable outdoor footwear and a warm coat.</b>	
Homework	Reading	PE Days
<p>You will receive a homework book on <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> that has maths and English tasks for the half-term. Please record any work you have been doing at home: we will regularly check your child's book to see how they have been getting on.</p> <p>Please return your child's book during the last week of the half-term so we can mark their work and provide feedback.</p>	<p>Children will have regular Guided Reading sessions at school where they read either independently or with an adult and complete quizzes/answer questions to check their comprehension. Please ensure you read with your child at home as often as possible, ideally daily.</p> <p>Your child will be given a set day to change their reading book which will be detailed by their class teacher. <b>This will be written on the front of their reading record.</b></p> <p><b>Please could you ensure your child's book is in their school book bag each day (regardless of their changing day) so we can hear them read regularly.</b></p>	<p>Monday – Outdoor PE – throwing and catching</p> <p>Wednesday – Indoor PE with Mrs Littlewood - gymnastics</p> <p><b>Please ensure children are appropriately dressed in school PE uniform.</b></p>
Curriculum		
English	Maths	Science
We will be studying the fictional story <i>Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs</i> and describing the setting. We will also be writing letters and writing our own dinosaur themed poems.	We will be revising our place value skills, recognising the value of each digit within a number. We will be counting in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0 and in tens from any number, forwards and backwards. We will compare and order numbers, read and write numbers up to 100 and apply our problem solving skills.	We will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.



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Humanities	PSHE and Music	Computing
We will be learning all about dinosaurs and when they existed. We will find out how we know so much about them and thinking geographically about where they lived and why.	We will be thinking about our relationships and working together to get to know each other.  In music with Mrs Morgan, we'll be learning songs together around the theme of our hands, feet and heart.	We will be learning all about e-safety and ensuring we all know how to use our technology correctly and carefully.