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PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE 1 NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st June

WELCOME FROM MRS CHAPMAN

Hello and a very warm welcome back to our FINAL term of the academic year! This year has flown by and it has been wonderful to watch our Reception and Year 1 children grow in both confidence and ability. I and all of the adults who work in Phase 1 are incredibly proud of their achievements this year! Term 6 is a wonderful one but an incredibly busy one with lots of sporting events, trips and transition events. Key dates (and there are a lot of them!) can be found towards the end of the newsletter.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me. I am always at my classroom door in the mornings and after school.

RECEPTION

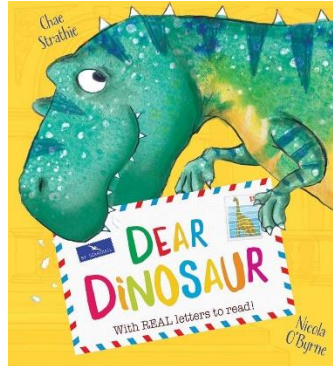


This term we are stepping back in time for our brand new topic of Dinosaurs! We have been busy exploring the dinosaur world in our fantastic classroom environments. We have been digging for bones in our investigation area, mixing up carnivore and herbivore snacks in the outdoor kitchen, writing letters to Rex the Dinosaur and making dinosaur fossils out of clay!

Maths

We will be focusing on the following: To be able to understand and recognise odd and even numbers, solve number sentences involving take away and learning some doubling facts.

Literacy



Literacy this term is linked to the story 'Dear Dinosaur', the children will be writing letters to Rex who lives in the Dinosaur museum and we will be focusing on consolidating our knowledge of Phase 3 and 4 harder to read and spell words and graphemes. We will also be exploring non-fiction books to find out different facts and information about dinosaurs. We will then use these facts to write our own dinosaur fact files!

PE

In PE this term we will be focusing on dance where we will be learning how to move to the beat of the music and to the count of 8 both with a partner and individually. In speed, agility and travel we will be learning to move in different ways, using different apparatus and working together as a team.

We will also be practicing for our upcoming sports day!

RPSHE

In RPSHE this term the children will be thinking about respect and to understand what it means to be respectful, how to solve problems together, how to celebrate our achievements and to begin to understand compassion.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Music

During our dinosaur topic the children will have the opportunity to listen to different types of music thinking about how they are different, if the music is fast, slow, loud or quiet and how the music makes us want to move.

Art

In art this term we will be exploring different types of materials. We will be working with clay to make our very own dinosaur fossils thinking about how we can roll, squash, shape and mould it. We will then think about how it dries in the air and becomes hard like real fossils!

DT

We will be using reclaimed materials to make our very own binoculars for our dinosaur safari! We will also be working in the Big Outdoors and learning how to create a waterproof shelter.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Science

In Science we will be understanding that dinosaurs lived in different habitats linked to their diet and we will then think about how to identify these habitats on a map. We will be investigating what dinosaurs ate and understanding that some dinosaurs were carnivores and some were herbivores. We will also be looking at the different features of dinosaurs and how these features helped them to hunt for food and protect themselves from predators.

History

The children will learn that dinosaurs were creatures from the past and that they lived on Earth millions of years ago. We will also talk about how the dinosaurs became extinct and that they no longer roam the Earth today.

RE

This term in RE, the children will learn all about the Muslim festival of Eid and think about different places of worship, understanding why people visit them.

Dinosaur Celebration Day

We will be having a Dinosaur celebration day on Wednesday the 17th July where we will be asking the children to dress up as their favourite dinosaur, palaeontologist or explorer and enjoying lots of fun dinosaur activities!

YEAR ONE



LITERACY

This half term in English, we have begun with our diary writing unit. The children have really enjoyed this unit, with lots of children feeling inspired to keep their own diaries at home – we always enjoy seeing work from home in class! The children have been introduced to tenses for the first time, they can explain how the past has already happened, the future is yet to happen and the present is happening right now. We have also been focusing on writing in the first person, ready for our diary entries Big Write!

MATHS

This half term, we are focusing on measurement and data handling. The children will begin with comparing the weight of objects and measuring weight using both non-standard and standard units before moving onto capacity. Where they will be measuring to the nearest ml and comparing different volumes of liquid. For our data handling unit, the children will be collecting data and plotting the information into tally charts and bar charts.

CURRICULUM

History

This year, our history curriculum is focusing on key British time periods linked to the Royal Family. For our final unit, the children will be studying ‘The Victorians’. The children will be learning about the reign of Queen Victoria and the Victorian era. As part of this, the children will discover what everyday life was like for Victorians, the food that they ate and the toys that Victorian children played with. We are really looking forward to our trip later on this half term to Milton Keynes Museum for a fun filled day of immersive learning. During the morning, the children will be taking part in 3 workshops focused on learning about Victorian homes, way of life and comparing them to life in modern day Britain. In the afternoon, we will have the opportunity to explore the rest of the museum including the street of shops, the telephone gallery, the print room and the hall of transport.

Science

In this unit about Animals Including Humans, children will learn about five of the groups that scientists use to classify animals: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians. They will learn to identify the group an animal belongs to by its features and will classify animals according to their group. They will also learn about the different diets animals eat. Children will learn about the parts of the human body and have the opportunity to explore the five senses through a simple investigation.



Design and Technology

This term's DT unit is 'Structures'; the children will have the opportunity to develop their understanding of more complex free-standing structures and how they can be strengthened and reinforced. Children will gain knowledge and understanding about how to join and shape materials before then apply these skills, using an iterative design process, to create their own free-standing structure.



RE

This half term in RE, we are exploring a Christian's way of life. We will be looking at how Christians worship and learning about specific special celebrations in a Christian's life; baptisms, holy communion and weddings, as well as special events that happen each year that Christians celebrate e.g. harvest, advent, lent, Christmas and Easter.

PE

During our athletics unit, the children will explore running, jumping and throwing activities, and take part in simple challenges and competitions. They will also experiment with different ways of travelling, throwing and jumping increasing their awareness of speed and distance. All of these skills will help us for our upcoming sports day!

Y1 PET WEEK

As part of this unit, we are planning to have our annual 'Pet Week' where the children are invited to bring in their pets from home to show to the rest of the class. This will take place during the **week commencing Monday 15th July 2024**. Everyone will get the chance to see the animals and hear about them so please do not worry if your child does not have a pet to show – they will still be included in the presentations. For safety reasons, please only bring in friendly animals that are not affected by noise (e.g. dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs).

If you would like to bring your pet in, please ring the office on 01604 665860 and book in for a time slot.

If your child has any fears or allergies to animals, please let your child's teacher know.

A POLITE REMINDER

A polite reminder to all of our parents and carers that whilst we know they look very inviting, the EYFS outdoor learning areas and equipment, are not to be used by the children **before** or **after** school for safety reasons and insurance purposes. We would also hate for anyone to be injured and any further damages.



WARMER WEATHER

Now that we have officially reached British Summer Time, just a polite reminder to send your children to school with a sun hat and (named) sun cream along with their school water bottle.

Please could parents check the ingredients of any suncreams brought into school to ensure that they do not contain '**Prunus Amygdalus Dulcis Oil**' (almond oil).

Please note that Nivea began to phase out the inclusion of Almond Oil in December 2023, and all products now produced do not contain this additional ingredient. These products are also clearly labelled with a 'New Formula' message on the front and state "Does not contain Almond Oil" on the reverse.

DATES AND REMINDERS

Monday 1st July – Year 1 Sports Day

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 1 Milton Keynes Museum Trip

Thursday 4th July – EYFS Sports Day

Friday 5th July – FOPH Friday Fun Day- Summer Fete

Wednesday 10th July – EYFS Dinosaur Land Trip

Friday 12th July – Open Afternoon and Picnic

Friday 12th July – End of year reports out

W/C Monday 15th July – Year 1 Pet Week

Wednesday 17th July – EYFS Celebration Day

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

Mrs Chapman