



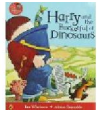
Gatekeepers class Weekly Newsletter

Week beginning: 21st September 2020



This half-terms Christian Core Value: Responsibility

We have talked about what the word responsibility means and how we show responsibility at school and at home.



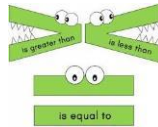
English

In English we have continued with the book "Harry and the bucketful of Dinosaurs". We have used a story map to orally rehearse our story. Our story map is on Tapestry - see if your child can read it to you. We have written drafts of our stories.

We have been spelling common high frequency words and learning about contractions.

Handwriting - we are reminding ourselves how to join our letters.

Maths



We have been learning how to compare numbers using the vocabulary greater than, less than and equal to.

We have also been using our problem-solving skills to help us find missing numbers in a sequence.

Our times table focus this week was 2s.

Music

We have continued learning about the song "Let your spirit fly". We have also found out about brass instruments.

Year 2

In our daily phonics lessons, we have been learning to blend and segment to read and spell words.

Focus sounds this week:
e, ee, ea and e-e

Dinosaur Detectives

As Scientists, we have started to think about rocks and why they don't all look the same. We are learning how igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks are formed. We have thought about what a dinosaur dinner might be.

We have looked at features of a dinosaur (e.g. teeth, legs) and realised these features give us clues as to whether they are a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. As technicians, we have used the DK website to find out more about dinosaurs. As artists, we made a large-scale Stegosaurus dinosaur by carefully selecting different materials. We have also been making different types of leaves for our Jurassic scene.

Year 3

We have learnt about paragraphs and used these to structure our writing about Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs.

Focus: spelling
contractions

Homework

Reading: Please listen to your child read at least three times a week.

Doodle: children to use Doodle English & Doodle Maths at least once a week.

Spellings & Times tables: this homework will be sent to you via Tapestry. Spelling checks will be on Monday and times table checks will be on Fridays.

Information & Diary dates:

Reading records - from now on please keep reading records at home. Please still use these to record home reading and upload photos of any home reading onto Tapestry. Thank you ☺

21st October - last day of term

2nd November - children return to school