



Gatekeepers Class: Autumn Term 2023: Dinosaur Detectives

Welcome! This term our topic is Dinosaur Detectives. Our focus core values will be responsibility and respect.

Key information:

Tuesdays – Mrs Ferrier will be teaching P.E. every Tuesday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct P.E. kit.

Fridays – Big Maths Activity and Spelling home learning to be handed in.

Daily: Yellow home learning books and book bags to be in school. Please record home reading in these books. Children are expected to read regularly (two pages a day) and reading will be rewarded with team value points every Friday.

English: We will be exploring rhyme, retelling story sequences and investigating different sentence structures. We will focus on independently checking our writing for finger spaces, use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks and begin to understand about paragraphs. We will take part in dinosaur related drama and other activities to write stories, poems and non-fiction reports. **Grammar, punctuation and spelling:** We will have daily focussed lessons to develop a secure understanding of phonics, use of grammar and to help build strategies for spellings.

D.T: We will create a dinosaur landscape, a moving picture and create our own fossils.

Music: At the start of term we will be taking part in musical activities using the book Izzy Gizmo. After half-term we will be using our voices and instruments to create simple musical patterns.

Computing: We will complete online safety and coding units using Purple Mash.

Maths: We will revisit, build-on and review our knowledge and understanding of place value and the four mathematical operations. We will learn strategies to instantly recall facts for the number bonds to 10 (e.g. 6+4) and 20 (e.g. 16 + 4) and multiplication facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Science: We will learn about rocks and light. We will investigate the properties of rocks and explore how fossils and shadows are made

Geography & History: We will learn about weather in the UK by recording and forecasting the weather and looking at seasons in the past and today. We will learn about the work of palaeontologists like Mary Anning. We will find out about life as a soldier in WW1 to help us understand the history behind Remembrance Day.

R.E. and Art: We will focus on Christianity views about the creation of the world and using examples from bible stories to inspire our artwork.

We will also look at how festivals bring people together and how the symbol of light is used in Christianity, Judaism and Hinduism. We will explore rangoli patterns as part of our art work.

RSE: We will discuss our rights and responsibilities, what consent means and use NSPCC PANTS to learn about private parts and private spaces