

# Nursery Newsletter



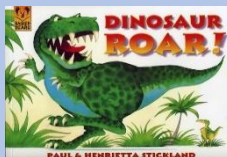
Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

## Summer Term 1

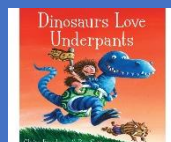
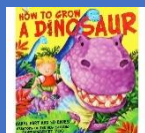
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
to  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

## Theme – Dinosaurs

We hope you have had a lovely Easter holiday. The children have settled back in well and are enjoying going to our Forest School on a Tuesday morning. They are ready to begin to learn all about our new topic. We are looking forward to this half term learning all about dinosaurs, St. George's Day and VE Day- 80 Years! We can't wait to start learning all about dinosaurs!



## This half term we will be reading:



The main learning for this half term will be based around the text 'Dinosaur Roar!' by Paul & Henrietta Stickland. We will also be looking at 'Ten Little Dinosaurs', 'How to Grow a Dinosaur', and 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants'.

## What will we learn this half term?

### Communication and Language

We will continue to have lots of circle time activities and social snack times to develop the children's speaking and listening skills.

We will be continue to share our news from the weekend on a Monday to encourage the children to speak in front of their familiar group, listen to each other and take turns in conversation. It is lovely to see how the children are becoming more confident when speaking in their familiar group.



We will be listening to topic related stories and encouraging the children to re-tell the stories in their role and small world play. We will be highlighting lots of new vocabulary in our stories.



## Literacy

We will be looking at the book 'Dinosaur Roar!' as our main topic story but we will also be sharing lots of other stories too.

We will be encouraging the children to repeat words and phrases from familiar stories. We will be looking at the 'title' of stories, what authors and illustrators do and reading the 'blurb'. We will be engaging in conversations about the stories and learning new vocabulary with lots of very long dinosaur names!! We will be looking at rhyming words in some of the stories and seeing if the children can make some of their own rhyming words. We will also be looking at opposites.



The children will continue to have lots of opportunities to mark make freely and with encouragement give meaning to their drawings.

We will also holding another REAL Project Event for the whole class. Parents, carers, extended family, younger siblings will be invited. It will cover the 'ORAL' aspect of the project and will be dinosaur themed!

## Maths

In Maths we will continue to do lots of counting, recognising numbers and playing number games. As part of our topic we will be sorting and counting dinosaurs aswell as making shape dinosaurs. We will be looking at opposites such as 'above and below', 'fast and slow' from the story. We will give a dinosaur some spikes by ordering numbers. We will be using numicon when matching the dinosaur eggs. We will also be exploring outside with real life and natural resources and practical activities. We will continue to learn numbers through 'White Rose Maths' using the interactive whiteboard.



## Understanding the World

We will talk about our families and other people who are special when sharing our news from the weekends. We will be talking about dinosaur features and when and where they lived and how they disappeared. We will be little scientists looking at dinosaur fossils and skeletons and creating some art work for these. We will also be learning what dinosaurs ate and whether they were carnivores or herbivores.



## Expressive Arts and Design

As part of our topic, we will be creating lots of lovely paintings, drawings and collages of different dinosaurs. We will be trying to draw a dinosaur on the interactive whiteboard as well as making dinosaurs using paper plates and pegs.



We will continue to sing our familiar rhymes and will be learning some new dinosaur rhymes and songs.

As part of our REAL Project we are looking forward to another 'theatre visit' so we will also be learning some new songs to sing and join in with this event.

### Physical Development

We will continue working on the children's fine motor skills by doing activities such as playdough, jigsaws, threading and sorting objects with tweezers. We will continue to have lots of mark making activities such as writing over names as well as starting to copy their names as well as writing their names from memory. Our topic will provide opportunities such as dinosaurs colouring in, pencil control and making lists of dinosaurs.

We will also continue to practice using scissors by holding them correctly and developing their control when cutting/snipping

We will be moving around like dinosaurs in P.E and outside. We will also be doing 'Cosmic Yoga' – dinosaur themed.



### Phonics

This half-term we will be starting Read, Write, Inc Phonics. Fred will be helping us learn our sounds! As we learn a few sounds we will be doing a phonics dinosaur dig!

We will learn the sounds in this order; **m a s d t l n p g o c k**



### Lunch time and snacks

We will continue to provide snack with various fruits and a drink of milk. The children enjoy our sociable snack time and many children are beginning to try fruit and snacks that they maybe wouldn't have initially!

### Tapestry

Please continue to check your Tapestry account regularly as we sometimes put messages/information on. We also put pictures/videos of current learning and activities on which are lovely for you to see.

### Clothing

Please remember to check that all items of your children's clothing are labelled.

### Thank you

We really look forward to the term ahead. Any donations of pasta, egg boxes, toilet and kitchen rolls would be gratefully appreciated, especially toilet and kitchen rolls as we would like to make binoculars to go on a dinosaur hunt and a skeleton dinosaur!



Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Nursery Team