

MEDLOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

In Spring Term 2 Year Reception will be learning about Dinosaurs. Our overarching question is 'What is a Dinosaur?'

Literacy development

Literacy development: This half term we will be learning all about information books and the differences between non-fiction and fiction. The children will be producing factual pieces of writing about dinosaurs and after reading lots of dinosaur stories will also begin to make up their own imaginative dinosaur stories.

Mathematical Development

The children will be continuing to learn their number bonds to 5 and also exploring and understanding what the numbers 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 are made up of ie what other combinations of numbers are hidden inside them. We will be revising 2D shapes and learning about 3D shapes as well as length and height.

Understanding the World

We will be learning all about dinosaurs, their names, how big the different species were, what they liked to eat and where they lived. We will be comparing their environment to the one we live in now and talking about how things were different in the past. We will be celebrating and learning about Pancake day and how we celebrate Mothers day, plus discussing Ramadan and praying at a Mosque .

Expressive art and Design

The children will be continuing learning how to create different colours for their artwork and models. They will be making salt dough 'fossils' and using a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings ie printing with bubble wrap and painting with cotton buds t.o achieve a pointillism effect.

Communication, Language, Literacy

The children will continue to be encouraged to listen carefully so they answer questions and comment on stories that are read to them. They will be reading and learning facts about dinosaurs from non-fiction books. We will also be reading fiction books about dinosaurs and encouraging the children to talk about the characters and have a go at predicting what might happen next... We will continue to introduce lots of new vocabulary for the children to use in their own stories and across a range of contexts. They will continue to practise speaking and articulating their ideas in well formed sentences in many ways ie our P4C sessions, when

Physical Development

This half term we will continue weekly P.E. sessions with our P.E coach. We will be focusing on tennis and learning to strike a ball, aim and co-ordinate these movements. In our playground we will be working on travelling with confidence around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment. We will continue to work on our scissor skills and in class and through our homework work on forming the letters of the alphabet with the correct sequence of movements.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be learning to name our emotions in particular - happy, sad, angry and worried and introducing our new self regulation interactive display. We will be learning about what we can do to manage these emotions, for example, solving problems without aggression and being respectful to our peers and adults. We will be trying hard

Experiences	
Week 1	Making pancakes World book day
Week 2	Making fossils from salt dough
Week 3	Making volcanoes
Week 4	How to hatch a dinosaur
Week 5	Easter egg hunt

Key Learning Focus	
Non fiction books	Understanding that these are books that contain facts and have specific features. Comparing them to fiction books.
Dinosaurs	Learning about different species and their key features.
Length, height & 3D shapes	Understanding and using vocabulary related to 2D and 3D shapes. We will be exploring how large dinosaurs were and measuring and comparing heights of our classmates.

Key Vocabulary	
Non-fiction. Information , facts, true/ real contents page	Dinosaur carnivore , herbivore Habitat, gigantic hatch, long ago fossil, bones, skeleton
volcano , lava ash, explosion	
2D shapes - circle, square, triangle, rectangle.	3D shapes, sphere, cube, cuboid, cylinder, cone, pyramid.
Properties of 2D 3D shapes - sides, corners, straight, curved, edges, faces, vertices	Easter ,spring, Ramadan, pancake day, mothers day

Stories	
Week 1	Complete Naughty Bus Dinosaurs Non - Fiction Mr wolf's Pancakes
Week 2	Dinosaurs Non -Fiction
Week 3	Dinosaurs Non -Fiction
Week 4	How to grow a dinosaur
Week 5	How to grow a dinosaur
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Rhymes	
Week 1	Pancake rhyme
Week 2	Dinosaur rhyme a dinosaur moves like this and that ...
Week 3	Dinosaur rhyme song cont
Week 4	Mother day - I love you mummy
Week 5	Easter eggs rhyme / spring

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