

### Topic learning:

Our topic for this half term is A Bucketful of Dinosaurs.

We will explore different dinosaurs throughout the topic and find out fun facts about them. We will be comparing how the past is different from the present and discuss how some animals today have evolved from the dinosaur.

We will discuss the work of archaeologists and palaeontologists and how they found out about dinosaurs and how they lived. There will be lots of different texts relating to dinosaurs that we will read and talk about in class. The children will also learn about the difference between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

We will also learn about the Chinese New Year and how people from China celebrate this.



### Phonics: Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS)

Throughout this term we will continue teaching the children the ELS sounds and picture clues. The children will all take part in short, fun, interactive phonic sessions. Children will bring home a reading book matched to the sounds they are learning.

### Reading:

Please continue to read with your child at least 4 times a week and sign their reading diaries – please bring their books to school **everyday** so we can be flexible and read with your child any day of the week. Your child will read twice a week at school, once with the class teacher and once with the class learning support assistant. Please also check the children's Harder to Read and Spell words with them regularly to help them progress with their reading.

# Year R

Our topic this half term is:

## A BUCKETFUL OF DINOSAURS

We will explore the big question,

*'How do our actions affect others?'*



### P.E:

PE lessons will be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure their correct PE kit is here all week as we sometimes have to move the timetable around and may have PE at a different time.

### RE:

In RE this term we will be looking at the theme of 'Jesus as a Storyteller'. We will learn about the stories that Jesus told and what can be learnt from bible stories.

### Maths:

This term we will be delving even deeper into numbers up to 7. We will continue to have our number of the week, and use the BBCs 'Numberblocks' as we look at numbers in more depth. We will also be introducing the idea of odd and even and will be starting to look at combining two groups to find how many all together. We will be comparing mass, capacity, length and height and begin to explore our understanding of time, using words like: now, before, later, soon, after, then and next and the days of the week.

### Reminders:

**Coats:** Please provide your child with a coat everyday as we spend a large amount of time outside and the weather is very changeable.

**Uniform:** Please ensure all uniform is labelled clearly.

**Water bottles:** Please provide your child with a bottle, filled with water only. You can personalise them to make them more recognisable.

**Communication:** The door is always open and we encourage you to share any questions or concerns. You are welcome to pass on messages at drop off and pick up time. If you unable to speak to us then please email the school office at [admin@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@andover-pri.hants.sch.uk) for the attention of Mr Stephens.

**Walk and talk board:** A walk and talk is a board found just outside the classroom where we share what we have done that day. This may encourage your child to share their day on their way home!

### Want to help?

Please contact the office if you think you can help with trips and walking to the church so we can apply for a DBS in order to help.