

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 use our topic knowledge in literacy to start labelling dinosaurs, labelling archaeology tools and creating information posters for our 'Dinosaur Museum'.



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:

Your child will bring home a book with only a few words to encourage them to tell stories using picture clues. These early reading skills are vital for future successful reading. Your child will also bring home a book with words to spot sounds they know from phonic sessions. In time your child will build up to using initial sounds to help them locate words and, where applicable, use their phonics to sound out words. Please try to read each day and ensure books are in their book bag every day. Children will also bring home a book to share that they can access, but may need a bit more help with.

Year R

Our topic this half term is:

A BUCKETFUL OF DINOSAURS

We will explore the big
question,

'Is learning important?'



P.E:

PE lessons will be on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. 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 'Celebrating Birthdays'. We will learn how we celebrate birthdays in our families and then move onto learning how Christians celebrate Jesus' birthday at Christmas.

Maths:

This term we will be learning all about the numbers 1-5. We will be looking in depth at how these numbers are composed, we will look at some number bonds, odds and evens and number lines.

We will also be learning about circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides.

Our focus continues to be on developing the children's ability to explain their reasoning and understanding.

Reminders:

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

Uniform: Please ensure all uniform is correct and labelled clearly.

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

Want to help?

We will continue to set homework on Google Classroom weekly to support the children's learning for that week. If you are having any trouble with Google Classroom please speak to Mr Stephens.

If you would like to be able to help out on school trips or walking to the church, please contact the office so we can arrange for a DBS to be applied for as this is needed for all volunteers coming with us.

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 for the attention of Mr Stephens.