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Coming up next week...08/01/2024

Learning in school:

Theme for the Term: Dangerous Dinosaurs!

We are going back in time to widen our knowledge about dinosaurs. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between the dinosaurs, their size and features. We will also be learning facts using non-fiction books and learning how to look after dinosaurs.

Theme for the Week: Harry and the bucketful of dinosaurs

At the beginning of the week, the children will come in to find a surprise. Our eggs hatched and each class now has a pet dinosaur! We will be collecting all that we know about dinosaurs to see what the children already know. We will then be looking at the book Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. We will be working on using our reading VIPERS comprehensions skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explain, reason and sequence) to answer questions on our text as we are reading it.

Next week, will also be deaf awareness week. The whole school will be focusing on the book "Can Bears Ski?" to discuss topics such as hearing aids, what it is like to struggle with hearing and how your hearing is tested. We will also be learning some basic sign language and will be discussing how we can be good communicators.

Phonics:

This week we will be recapping the digraphs and trigraphs we have learned previously (qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk, ai, ee, igh, oa) and learning the new digraphs oo(look), oo(moon), ar and or.

Maths:

This week, we will be working on mass and capacity using balancing scales and measuring containers. The children will be working on using the correct mathematical vocabulary of heavier, lighter and balance for mass of objects and full, empty, nearly full, nearly empty for capacity.

Additional notes and reminders

Homework

Sound sheets will still be given out each week.

We will also be starting our maths homework. Maths homework can be found in the blue homework folders in your child's bookbag. Please pick a game to play and write notes on how your child is getting on. The aim of the homework is to help the children learn to subitise (recognise without counting) dotty amounts and to begin to learn some simple addition facts off by heart. If you do not have a dice at home then please email your class teacher and they will print off a paper dice for you to have for home.

Homework folders will be collected in the same day that sounds folders are collected in.

We are short on spare uniform. If you have any that your child has outgrown, we would appreciate having them. We especially need:

Boys trousers/jogging bottoms

Boys pants and sock

Girls tights and socks

PE lessons will start again on Wednesday 10th January.

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Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.