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Coming up next week... 19/01/26

Learning in school:

Theme for the Term: 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.

This week: Last week we were all very excited about the hatching of the eggs. We would like to welcome the baby dinosaur to our classrooms! This week. We are continuing our learning about dinosaurs with particular focus on the book Little Kids First Big Book of Dinosaurs by Catherine D Hughes. The children will be looking at facts about dinosaurs and comparing them to each other. We also learning about being kind and how our tone of voice is important when speaking to others.

Phonics

This week in phonics we will be learning the phonemes ur ow oi ear or with the tricky words my, by, all. We continue to recap all Phase 2 sounds and tricky words.

Maths:

This week in maths we will be focussing on mass and capacity. The children will be exploring these concepts in practical ways including estimating how many objects will fit in a container, using balancing scales and measuring water, rice and cubes. We will be encouraging the children to think, reason and explain their thoughts and ideas. We will also be reading the book Who Sank the Boat? by Pamela Allen.

Additional notes and reminders

We are continuing our junk modelling focus this week and are in need of more donations of boxes, tubes, plastic tubs, lids etc and anything that may be used for cutting practice. Below are some suggestions of what we need.

Please send in your junk and it will be gratefully received!

Suggested Items to Bring In Junk Modelling Materials

Small cardboard boxes (e.g., cereal boxes, tissue boxes)

Tubes (kitchen roll or toilet roll tubes)

Plastic bottles (clean and with lids removed)

Bottle tops

Yogurt pots

Egg boxes

Scrap card or paper

Foil, sweet wrappers, or other interesting textures

Small containers or lids

Cutting Practice Materials

Magazine pages (child-appropriate)

Leaflets or pamphlets

Old birthday/Christmas cards

Coloured paper or patterned paper scraps

Thin cardboard offcuts (not too thick)

Paper strips for snipping

Ribbon, string, or wool

Thank you so much for your support—it really helps enrich the children's creative experiences in Reception.

Please remember to put your child's library book in their book bag on their class library day. Library days are as follows:

- ✓ Turtles: Friday
- ✓ Starfish: Wednesday
- ✓ Jellyfish: Thursday

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.