

Spring Term Maple Class Newsletter

This term we are learning about past and present. When we discussed our topic theme last term the children got very excited about dinosaurs. Therefore we are going to spend this term becoming palaeontologists and exploring dinosaurs. We have taken their ideas and planned a very fun term of learning.

- We will be focusing our writing and reading on books about dinosaurs. Here are some of the books we will be looking at: I Thought I saw a dinosaur, Say Hello to the Dinosaurs and The adventures of Harry and his dinosaurs.
- We will be writing our own dinosaur stories, making news reports when we discover dinosaur eggs, fact files for our museum and posters to advertise the opening of our Jurassic Park.
- We will be continuing to learn letter sounds and words.

Communication,
Literacy and
Language

- We will be continuing to look at numbers including those higher than ten.
- We will also be looking at patterns in numbers and developing our understanding of different heights and weights.

Problem Solving,
Reasoning and
Number

- We are going to be focusing on dinosaurs and how they existed in the past.
- We are also going to be learning about the features of sand, rocks and soil.

Knowledge and
Understanding of
the World

- We will be making different sounds using our bodies and our voices.
- In ICT we will be programming toys to move in different directions for different purposes.
- We will also be using different materials to make binoculars, a large volcano, dinosaur eggs and clay for our very own fossils.

Creative
Development

- This term continues with the teachers from Sports Support teaching PE to Maple class every Thursday.
- In addition to this we will be developing physical development by going on dinosaur hunts and digging up bones and eggs.

Physical
Development

- We will be learning about how we have changed from babies and how we can lead healthy lifestyles.
- We will also be looking at different people in our communities.

Personal, Social,
and Emotional

- We will be looking at objects which are special to us.
- We will also be learning about objects which are special to Christians, Sikhs and Jews.

Religious Education

Parent task

This term we are introducing a parent/child task. We would like you and your child to make your very own dinosaur that you can bring to school. During the last week of term (week beginning 8/ 2/10) we are hoping to create our own Jurassic Park and would like you to bring your dinosaur to add to the park. Your dinosaur can be any size but preferably no bigger than a shoe box, you will need to think of a name for your dinosaur and some of its features e.g. large wings and flat feet so it can fly and swim. You can make your dinosaur out of any material you wish - it is completely up to you. Please do not feel that you need to spend a lot of money on your dinosaur model. The idea behind the project is for you and your child to discuss the topic they are learning at school and show you the skills they are continually developing. If you need any materials or further guidance please do not hesitate to see me at school.

Virtual Learning Platform

Your child will be issued with their own password for our virtual class page. The virtual learning platform (VLP) is a secure online space which is designed to support the learning we do in school. Please log on and let us know what you think. If you have any other suggestions, such as specific information which you feel as a parent would be helpful, please let us know. I have put links to some activities which I feel may be of use to you including some visual ideas for the parent task.

Library Books

During this term your child will be selecting books from the school library to take home. These books will be in addition to their daily reading books, but will only be changed once a week. We encourage the children to choose library books as it enables them to experience a wide variety of genres.

Once again thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Clanfield, Mrs Thomson and Mrs McGarr