

Year 1 Newsletter



Summer 2- Dinosaurs.



Literacy



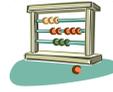
This term we will be continuing to develop the children's handwriting skills, to help ensure they are forming their letters correctly. This will really help the children when they begin to join letters during Year 2.

We will be reading a story called 'Dear Dinosaur', which includes a range of letters written back and forth between a boy and a dinosaur. The children will learn the features of a letter as well as develop their skills of asking and answering questions.

We will be creating dinosaur fact files, developing our independent reading skills by researching and recording information about a specific dinosaur. The children will be focusing on expanding their sentences to create exciting fact files for their audience.

Finally, we will focus on creating a narrative based around the wordless book 'Chalk'. The children create lively story endings based around their own predictions.

Remember reading regularly in school and at home will really help your child to develop their phonic knowledge and build fluency. Children whose reading record shows they have read at home at least five times during the week, will continue to be entered into the Reading Raffle draw. We will also hear your child read each week, so please remember to make sure your child has their reading book in school every day.



Numeracy



This term we will be focusing on extending the children's knowledge of:

- Division by placing a predetermined number of items into groups and through sharing a number of items equally.
- Fractions – halves and quarters.
- Numbers to 100.

The children will also continue to develop their problem solving and reasoning skills. In addition, we will continue to help the children to extend their rapid recall of number facts to 20.

History

The children will be learning about the life of a significant historical figure- Mary Anning. They will learn facts about her life and her fossil discoveries. The children will also complete a time line looking at the evolution of animals and find out what came first- Sea Creatures or Dinosaurs?



Science



The children will have the chance to observe, identify and classify fake Dinosaur poo. They will consider which Dinosaurs were Carnivores and which were herbivores, based on their diet and physical features.

Art & Design

This half term we will be focussing on the **Take One Picture Project** and looking at the painting 'Men of the Dock' by artist George Bellows. We will study this painting in detail and pick out an aspect to recreate in our own style using a variety of painting techniques to display in our 'Blaby Stokes Art Exhibition- more details to follow.



We would really appreciate donations of different textured cardboard, papers, bubble wrap, string, ribbon, lace, buttons and wool for our art project! Thank you!

P.E

Our P.E Days are **Monday** and **Thursday**

Please continue to ensure your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor PE - joggers, white t-shirt, sweat shirt and trainers, as the weather may still be colder.

Please make sure that your child has their **named** P.E kit in school on these days otherwise they will not be able to take part.

Please remove all jewellery on PE days. Many

Thanks

R.E

This half term, we will continue to focus on 'What makes something sacred?' We will explore a range of religions and their places of worship.



Music

This half term the children will be looking at experimental music. They will share their thoughts about the American composer John Cage and then examine and compare his work to more modern music. The children will explore how they can play instruments in unconventional ways. They will then use their musical ideas and sounds to create a dinosaur song entitled 'Here come the Dinosaurs'.



S.E.A.L-

This half term, the children will be learning about themselves. Developing an understanding of what makes them individual and important. We will celebrate what makes each child unique.

General Information

Phonics Screening Check Week- Monday 10th- Friday 14th June.

New Walk Meusem trip- Thursday 27th June 2019

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team.