

Reminders

Monday - Please bring water bottles everyday and keep reading books in book bags each day too so they are always available to read.

Tuesday - Forest School

Thursday - PE Kits

Friday - Celebration Assembly

Please also have wellies and waterproofs available throughout the week so we can enjoy the outdoors no matter what the weather does!

Alnwick Castle Class Newsletter – Spring 1

Happy New Year! We hope you had a fantastic festive period and wonderful start to 2026.

We can't wait to start the spring term and make lots of dinosaur discoveries with you! We will continue to share all of our amazing learning with you on Tapestry but please also remember that our school website has lots of other useful information too
(www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk)

Teaching Team

Mrs Johnson (Mon-Wed)

Miss Jackson (Thrs-Fri)

we will also be supported by

Mrs Ellis and Mrs Smith,

as well as Andrea and

Jillian in Preschool!

Areas of learning

We have lots of dinosaur enthusiasts in our class and we look forward to following their interests by exploring our dinosaur topic this half term. We will be exploring different types of dinosaurs such as ferocious predators such as T-rex, gentle plant eating giants, flying dinosaurs and dinosaurs that lived in water. We will talk about where they lived and when, looking at different eras and what our world might have been like in the time of the dinosaurs. We will also investigate fossils and find out more about famous palaeontologists such as Mary Anning.

This interesting topic will provide us with lots of engaging opportunities covering our different areas of learning, especially Understanding the World Around us as we find out more about the natural world in the past and present. We will have lots of opportunities to explore Expressive Arts and Design as we create models using a range of tools and resources as well as expanding our repertoire of songs and dance using the scheme Charanga. We will continue our phonics adventure with Read Write Inc, developing skills in phonic recognition, decoding words and understanding how to use expression and inference skills. As well as sharing a range of stories and writing opportunities as part of our continuous provision.

In Maths we will continue to explore our numbers in depth, increasing our confidence with subitising, developing our counting skills, exploring the composition of numbers and using the language of comparison. To support our Personal, Social and Emotional development, we will be thinking about feelings and relationships. Children will develop their ability to deal with feelings in a positive way, share opinions and explain their own views, set individual goals and listen and play with others cooperatively. Within this topic we will learn about the diverse world that we live in and explore how our opinions and experiences can differ to other people's. As part of Understanding the World Around Us will explore stories of friendship from different religions including Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism. We will reflect on what it means to be a good friend and what qualities make a good friend. Focusing on our Physical Development, we will explore movement and different ways in which to travel, as well as having lots of opportunities to explore our outdoor environment.