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(Wednesday morning)
EYFS Preschool team

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our newsletter for the second half of Spring term.

We will continue to keep **Tapestry** and the class page on the website updated so you can see what we're getting up to during the half term.

Please also remember the website has lots of other useful information on too

(www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk).

Monday - PE Kit, reading books and water bottles
Friday - Year 1 Spelling Check
Celebration Assembly
Please keep reading books in book bags each day so they are always available to read.

Areas of Learning

Our topic this half term is **Dinosaur Planet!**

As historians, we will be learning about the age of the dinosaurs; using different sources of information to retrieve information about the past; describing similarities and differences by comparing this time period to modern life; and learning about Mary Anning as a significant historical figure.

As geographers, we will be learning more about the world's seven continents and five oceans. We will also be learning about endangered animals and human impact in different parts of the world.

In Art and Design Technology we will be making fossils and salt dough dinosaurs and creating Jurassic landscapes using different painting techniques.

As scientists, we will be learning to identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and comparing the structure of these animals.

In RE, we will be learning about Easter and why it is such an important time for Christians, and we will also explain some of the significant days of Holy Week which lead up to Easter. Children will then explore the concept of surprises and relate this to the Easter story and the resurrection of Jesus.

In PE, we will be using our dinosaur topic to inspire our focus of dance, exploring different methods of movement and using their bodies and objects to express an idea.

In PSHE, we will be continuing to learn about the importance of kindness and how we can deal with our own emotions. We will be focusing on how it is **Good to be me!** This will involve how we can be proud of ourselves, problem-solving, dealing with anxiety and worries and learning to deal with anger.

In Music, we will be following the Charanga scheme.

In English, we will be continuing with our Read Write Inc Programme. We will also be reading a range of dinosaur books as part of our topic, including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Our focus book for this half term is *Dear Dinosaur by Chae Strathie* which we will be using as a stimulus to write letters, diaries and fact files.

In Maths, Year One will be focusing on place value within 20 and continuing to practice our times tables of 2, 5 and 10. Reception will be consolidating number and place value with numbers to 10 and moving into addition and subtraction within 10. We will also be learning about length and height as part of measurement in Reception and Year One.

Don't forget we like to get out and active whatever the weather so please bring wellies and waterproofs so we can enjoy our active outdoor learning all the time.



Useful links:

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

<http://www.dinosaursforkids.com/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>