



## SUMMER TERM 2011 CURRICULUM LETTER



Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful Easter Holiday!

### Topic

Our topic for the Summer Term is Animals and Dinosaurs. These are topics especially chosen to enthuse your child in their learning and we ask if you could encourage them by researching these topics at home either on the internet or by visits to the library. As you can see from the topic web we have lots of different stimulating activities to cover all areas of the curriculum.

### Numeracy

A reminder about Numeracy homework: we will be sending home Maths homework on a Friday which will be based upon work covered that week. It is to be completed and returned by the following Friday. Numeracy homework is in the BLUE folder.

### Literacy

There will also be spelling homework which will be linked to the phonics work your child is working on in their differentiated lessons. This homework will be word lists or activity sheets it will be given out every other Tuesday to be returned the following Monday. Spelling homework is in the RED folder. *Reading* plays a vital part of every day life and we value the support that you give your child at home with this area. Please encourage your child to read at least four times a week, this can be a mixture of learning key words, playing word games, reading school and home books.

### Reading Journals

Your child brings home their reading journal in the purple folder every day, we also use the journal as part of our Guided reading sessions. The children are encouraged to cover a range of reading activities within the journal, such as book reviews, character profiles, writing a different ending etc, all differentiated to suit the age and ability of the child. Please encourage your child to use their reading journal as part of their home reading. Doing a reading journal activity can count as one of their four reads per week. Please ensure that the reading journal comes back to school every day so that it can be used in class as well as at home.

We will have a half an hour session on a Friday to review and discuss all the homework set so that we can assess for any misconceptions or concerns.

We always welcome parent helpers into our classrooms to help with any aspect of the curriculum, if you would be willing to help in class then please let your child's teacher know.

The children in Year 2 will be taking part in statutory assessments (SATs) from the 9<sup>th</sup> May until the 20<sup>th</sup> May. During this period the Year 1 children will be undertaking teacher assessments, please try to avoid these two weeks for taking holidays. The assessments will take place in your child's class and will be kept very low key. There won't be any homework during this period. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have about SATs or any other queries or questions at the end of the day.

Many thanks for all your support.

Mrs Hawker

Mrs Phillips

Miss Hallows

## Animals & Dinosaurs Topic Web Summer 2011

### Literacy

Riddles  
Fictional story  
Non-chronological reports -  
Dinosaurs  
Extended stories by the same  
author - Mary pope Osborne

### Numeracy

Counting, partitioning and calculating  
Securing number facts,  
understanding shape  
Handling data and measures  
Calculating, measuring and  
understanding shape  
Securing number facts, relationships  
and calculating

### Special Events

See separate letter for library dates  
SATs Year 2's - 9<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Visit to the local park - 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Science Open morning - 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Visit from a Jewish Rabbi - 24<sup>th</sup> June

### Requests please -

- Plain white tee-shirt for tie-dying
- Fossils
- Washed meat bones!!

### Science

Growing plants &  
variation

### History & Geography

Dinosaurs - timelines  
Comparing localities

### Religious Education

What is the Torah /  
What can we learn from  
a rabbi visiting us?  
Beliefs and actions -  
How do Jewish people  
express their belief in  
practice?

### Physical Education

Games - running  
Dance - Dinosaur  
stomp  
Gym - symmetry  
including asymmetry

### ICT

The information around us  
Finding information

Introduction to FRONTER -  
parent information to  
follow.

### D&T and Art

Tie dye tee-shirts  
Dinosaur puppets  
Soap sculpture dinosaurs

### Music

Rain, rain, go away

### PSHE

SEAL - Relationships and Changes