

Year R Summer 1

Fantastic Creatures and Pirates !



Dear Parents

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We have an exciting half term ahead learning about Fantastic Creatures and Pirates! We will learn about dinosaurs, the Gruffalo, creatures that live under the sea and pirates. We have some exciting events coming up this term including our class assemblies, Grandparents day and pirate day.

How can you help at home with this topic?

- Find books related to the topic. Do you have any stories about dinosaurs or pirates?
- Do you have any non-fiction books on dinosaurs?
- Complete all homework tasks.

Fingers crossed for hot weather! If it does get nicer - please remember your child needs a named sun hat and a water bottle in school everyday. If you want them to have sun tan lotion on, please apply this before school. Many thanks for your support in this.

Miss Park and Mrs Newman



Here are just some of the things we will be focussing on this term within the 7 areas of learning.

Communication & Language and Literacy

We will be working on phase 3 and phase 4 phonics. We will focus on consolidating the children's knowledge of the 42 phonemes we have learnt. We will still be word building, making CVC words (Consonant, vowel consonant words such as pig, mat, tin etc) and CCVC words/CVCC words such as black and tent and writing sentences. We will be writing about dinosaurs, the Gruffalo and making treasure maps.

We will continue to focus on reading and comprehension with regular guided reading and individual reading. We will also be looking at the features of fiction and non-fiction texts.

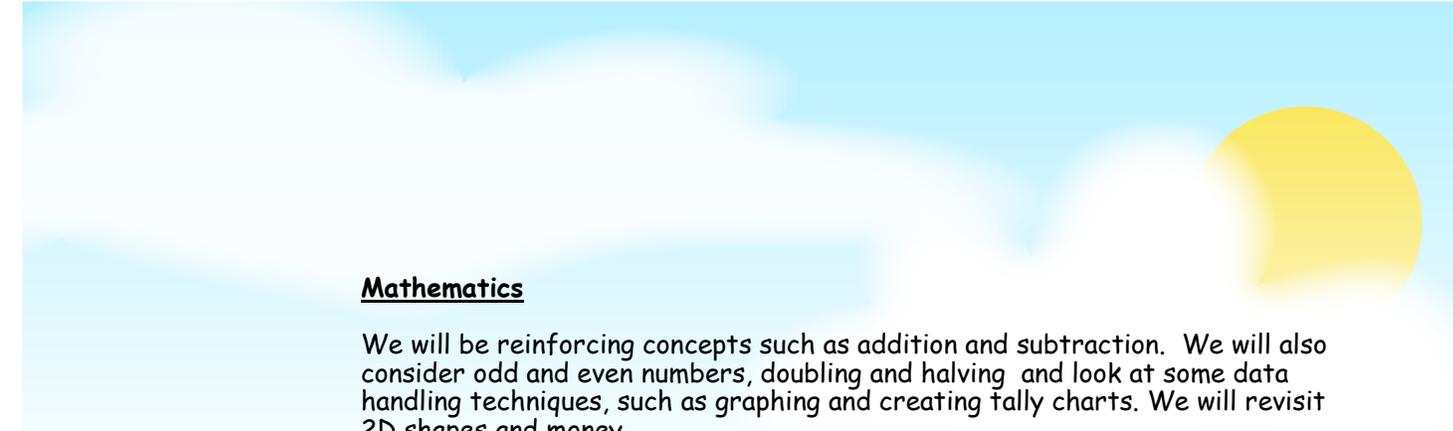
Important Dates:

11/5 Grandparents day2

12/5 FSIS Family BBQ

21/5 Pirate Day





Mathematics

We will be reinforcing concepts such as addition and subtraction. We will also consider odd and even numbers, doubling and halving and look at some data handling techniques, such as graphing and creating tally charts. We will revisit 2D shapes and money.

Understanding the World

This half term we will be thinking about Geography and History a little more with our work on our topic. We will consider different settings - such as the woods in the *Gruffalo*, and things we might find there. We will be thinking about the past as we spend two weeks looking at dinosaurs. As part of our RE work we will be focussing on special places and things. We will consider what this means to different people.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our creative work will be drawing and collage skills. We will be linking to our topic and using different techniques - such as sketching, rubbings and colour mixing. We will be encouraging the children to express opinions of their own creations. We will consider 'monsters' of the sea and think about the huge sea creatures we find. We will be learning about weaving through the creation of a

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will think about ways to become involved in the community. This might be thinking about local groups such as Rainbows and Beavers, or ways to become more involved in school, such as helping the school council or tidying up!

We will think about ways to help the new children starting school and we will begin to think about our own move into Year 1.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop our fine motor skills with activities such as threading and by using tools such as scissors.

In PE we will work through a unit on creating a dinosaur dance to music as using the small and large apparatus to make sequences.

