



## **Dear Parents/Caregivers**

Welcome to Term 4 of this academic year. If you have any resources such as books or DVDs linked to our topic feel free to encourage your child to bring them in to share with the class.

Our topics for Term 4 are **'Dinosaurs'** (4 weeks) and **'Easter'** (2 weeks). Within these topics, will be working towards the Early Learning Goals for the Foundation Stage.

### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

The children will be recapping Phase 2 of the 'Letters and Sounds' phonic programme. The purpose of this is to consolidate children's knowledge of graphemes in writing, reading and spelling words. We will also be focusing on cursive formation for the letters and sentence structure.

As part of our topic work, we will be reading and writing about dinosaurs, including dinosaur facts and dinosaurs poems. The class will discover a dinosaur egg and develop their language skills as they share their thoughts and predictions.

### **Maths**

Each week, the children will be focusing on a different area of the mathematics curriculum. These areas include: Comparing heavy and light objects and beginning to measure weight on scales using non-standard units; comparing numbers, ordering numbers to 20; counting forwards and backwards to/from 20, recognising numbers to 20 and beyond; Sorting 3d shapes, recognising and naming a cube, beginning to recognise a cuboid; and recognising coins, beginning to match each coin to its appropriate number of 1p coins.

### **Understanding the World**

Through the topic on 'Dinosaurs' the children will be discussing and learning about dinosaurs. They will learn lots of interesting facts from books and the internet. We will be looking at fossils, comparing the features of dinosaurs to humans, making dinosaur masks and dinosaur skeletons. As part of the 'Easter' topic, the children will learn why people celebrate Easter.

### **Expressive Art and Design**

The children will be making their own dinosaurs from a range of materials. Each day, there will be a range of art resources available from dinosaur colouring to making dinosaur fossils from clay.

### **Physical Development**

This term, the children will build on their fundamental skills by responding physically to a range of themes. They will learn to move freely and with confidence using movement to express themselves.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

The focus of the theme this term is 'It's good to be me'. Using Circle Time, we will be working on understanding feelings and why and how they lead us to behave the way we do.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

*Miss Iasi, Mrs West, Mrs Richardson & Mr Thrift*