

Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy

Curriculum Overview - Dinosaurs

Reception Autumn 1 2023 Mrs Irving, Miss Parton, Mrs Lauben and Miss Sowter

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Self-regulation: My feelings

In this unit, children are learning to explore and understand their feelings, identify when they may be feeling something, and begin learning how to communicate and cope with their feelings and emotions.

We will also have some enrichment days throughout the half term to support PSHE.

Communication and Language

Children will have the opportunities to develop their listening, and attention skills in a variety of situations from small group work to whole class lessons. They will be able to show their understanding by asking and answering questions from their teachers, friends and classroom visitors. Through the Reception curriculum children will learn and use new vocabulary, express their views and explain why things may happen.

Mathematics

Numbers: counting, comparing and ordering numbers. Counting: understanding the key principles of

counting-one-to-one correspondence.

Maths equipment: introducing numicon and base 10.

Spatial Reasoning: Construction and 3D shapes.

Subitising 1-3: Fast recognition of up to 3 objects, without having to count them individually ('subitising').

Physical Development

PE is a double session on a Thursday afternoon. We begin the year with six sessions from the First PE unit of work: The children will explore how to move safely in a space, how to move a balloon, how to move a ball and how to throw and catch. We then move on to Dinosaur dance. We will explore how we can move in time with the music, perform dance movements in different directions and use a story to perform a dance.

Literacy

Phonics-learning to say, read, and write individual letter sounds. To begin to blend sounds into words and begin to read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences.

Writing-to form lower and upper case letters beginning to position them correctly on the line.

To begin to write words and short sentences relating to stories and topic work.

Understanding the World

This half term our topic will be based on the book. Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs.

Children will complete a selection of activities including, finding and, measuring dinosaur footprints making nests for dinosaur eggs. Making fossils and dinosaur models. We will also learn about carnivores and herbivores.

Expressive Arts and Designs

Music: Exploring sound

Children explore how they can use their voice and bodies to make sounds, experiment with tempo and dynamic when playing instruments, identify sounds in the environment and differentiate between them.

Creating with Materials: Children will take part in a selection of activities using different tools and materials e.g. making dinosaur models/clay critters and/natural art.

How you can help your child at home

- Home Learning: At the beginning of each half term your child will bring home a sheet of home learning activities in their homework book. Help your child to choose an activity to complete each week. This half term the challenges are themed around our topic Dinosaurs.
- Reading: Please read at 5 times per week with your child and record it in their diary.
- The website has further activities for you to complete with your child at home under the curriculum tab.