



"A journey of learning in the light of God's love"

Faith, Honesty, Love, Friendship, Forgiveness, Hope, Respect

"What shall we say the Kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."

The parable of the Mustard seed- Mark 4:30-32

EYFS Spring Term 2026 Second Half term
STAFF: Mrs Greenaway, Miss Grimsley and Miss Bell

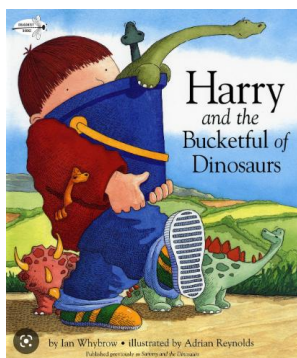
Hoping you all had a lovely week and are feeling refreshed and ready to get back into routine.

This half term the driving question for our learning is: *'What existed before me?'*

Have you ever wondered what the different dinosaurs looked like, what they were called, what they ate, or how they survived? Then you're in the right place! During this topic, we will be discussing what happened when dinosaurs once roamed the planet. We'll be digging into the past and exploring these magnificent (if not a little scary) creatures, whilst making links to our own 'past'.

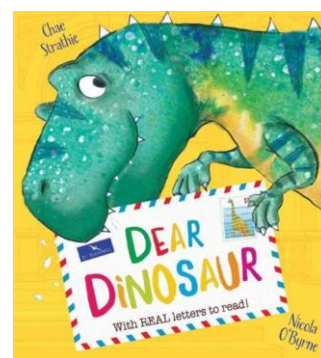
We will also take on the roles of palaeontologists to become dinosaur experts and scientists to investigate the possible ways that they became extinct. There are so many brilliant books and stories that will inspire our learning and writing as the children continue to build upon their expanding phonic knowledge.

Focus books that we will be using to enhance our learning and love of reading



Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow

Harry finds some dusty plastic dinosaurs in Nan's attic. He cleans them, finds out their names and takes them everywhere - until, one sad day, the dinosaurs get lost! Harry has to bring them home, but first he's asked to prove that they definitely belong to him.



Dear Dinosaur by Chae Straithe

Max is dinosaur mad and he is thrilled when he gets to visit the dinosaur museum. He has lots of questions about dinosaurs so he writes a letter to his favourite one, the mighty T. Rex. The pair become pen pals and Max finds out more than he ever expected!

Homework

We are sending your child home with 2 phonics reading books that matches their phonics confidence. We encourage the children to try reading this independently; however your support will be much appreciated should they need it. Fridays will continue to be the day for bedtime book swaps from the class library and these are for you to share with them. Please encourage the children to read to you **at least five times a week** and record your reads in their reading record book.

Suggestions for home learning activities are attached and will also be posted onto Tapestry for your convenience. There are five weeks before half term and 6 activity ideas for you to select from.

The expectation is for one activity to be chosen each week; you are welcome to complete more if you want to.

PE

P.E sessions will continue to happen on a Monday with our sports coach, Mr Moon.

P.E could take place indoors or outdoors depending on the weather, your child will still use the playground during the day so clothing choices need to take that into account. Please ensure that your child's name is written inside each item of clothing brought into school. This makes returning items at home time so much quicker and easier, thank you!

Health & Safety reminder

No jewellery is to be worn during PE lessons, however if earrings can't be removed, then they need taping over before school. Long hair must be tied up on Thursdays or hair bobbles provided from home.



Water

The children need to continue to bring to school fresh **water** (not juice) each day in a labelled bottle. It is important they do this because they do get thirsty throughout the day. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

Dates for your diary

Parents evenings – Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th Feb until 6pm.

Wednesday 25th Feb – NHS National Measurement Programme.

Friday 27th March – Whole school Easter Bonnet competition.

We will update you on any other events that are happening nearer the time.

Information regarding activities and learning in school continue to be added to Tapestry frequently and your interaction with this method of communication is greatly appreciated.
Keep looking the school website for any additional information needed. If you have any queries or questions at any time, then please feel free to **phone** or **email** the school office.

Finally, keep an eye on Townland's Facebook feed for the latest updates and successes.