



Friday 10th May

The children are so knowledgeable about dinosaurs; we've had a really exciting first week in our new topic. We will be continuing to explore the amazing world of dinosaurs over the next few weeks. If you have any dinosaur books from home please feel free to send them in so we can look at them together in class.



Phonics

We continue to be wowed by the skills that the children are able to demonstrate in Phonics. We have been reading and writing words that end in -ed, -ing and -est. We have now introduced all the tricky words we will be teaching this year, now we have time to consolidate how confident the children are with these words (they were all included in last week's newsletter).

Reading

The children are doing very well with their reading. Your help at home is so important with supporting your child's development. Reading 3 times at home in a week really does make a huge difference.

Maths Many of the children are confident adding numbers below 5 together and representing this as number sentences. Next week we will explore doubles up to 10.

Warmer weather

As the weather is finally starting to warm (fingers crossed!), the children are more likely to have lunchbreaks on our school field. Please can you send children in with a sunhat—we will gather these in a box which we will take to the field for use at lunchtimes.

Please also apply any sun cream before school. Children can have additional sun cream in school so long as they can apply it themselves.

For forest school, the children must have covered arms and legs. With the warmer weather, children will not need to wear a waterproof coat as long as they have long sleeves. The forest school site is very shaded so the children will be a comfortable temperature even on warm days. Please send your normal Forest school clothing in in case of bad weather and we will make a judgement on what clothing is needed as the day progresses. Any questions, please feel free to speak to us during pickup.

Having a clear-out?

If you have any toys and resources that are no longer used or wanted in your homes, would you consider donating them to the school to help us update and enhance our continuous provision? We are asking for any of the following items:

Materials that can be used to make cloaks for dressing up (can anyone sew them for us?), **realistic animals, dinosaurs, wildlife bugs and insects, sea creatures, cars, castle figures.** Any **good quality children's puzzles/jigsaws/Orchard games** (complete!), **Construction toys** (blocks, mobilo, lego, knex. **Role play items** (play kitchen, household items—metal spoons, wooden bowls, wooden spoons, metal teapot and jugs). Any items that we can enhance small world toys, such as cut logs, wooden log discs, pebbles, shells, artificial flowers, If you are able to donate any resources from the list above, we would really appreciate anything that can be spared. **We ask before you donate** to consider if the condition of the resources be suitably safe for a classroom environment. If you do have something you are willing to donate but are unsure, you could take a picture and discuss the items with your class teacher during pickup or over email. **Unfortunately we are unable to accept anything from smoking households due to health and safety.** Many thanks in advance!