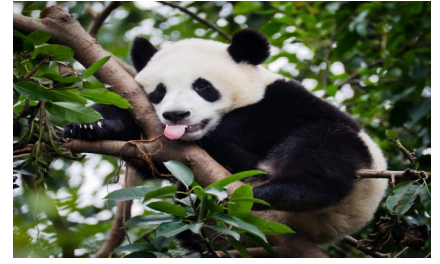


Panda Class

January 2020

Welcome back after a lovely long break. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and plenty of time to relax. It has been good to have everyone back in school and to hear about what everyone has been up to.

This term, the children have chosen to learn about dinosaurs. If you have any books linked to the topic we would love to see them.



Our learning this term will be mainly about: Dinosaurs

Literacy—Writing:

We will continue to teach the majority of our literacy through the class project of Dinosaurs. We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using this as starting point for our writing.

Over the next term in our writing we will be concentrating on:

- Reading and discussing stories. We will be reading and retelling stories about dinosaurs.
- Instruction writing. We will be writing instruction to trap a dinosaur!
- Information texts. We will collect information and make fact cards about dinosaurs.
- Writing Recounts. We will write recounts about things we have done.



Integrated Learning:

This term, we will begin by learning about dinosaurs. Our focus will be history and science but our topic learning will include lots of different subjects.

Here are some of the things that we will be learning and doing:

- Looking at how we find out about the past.
- Find out about dinosaurs and their characteristics
- Sort omnivores, herbivores and carnivores.
- Paint dinosaurs.
- Create a simple timeline
- Match fossils to dinosaurs

Homework ideas have been sent home already..



RE

In RE, we will be learning about Christianity and what people believe about God.

English—Reading:

In daily Sounds-Write sessions some children will be:

- Learning to segment and blend sounds in 5 and 6 sound words.
- Learning to read and spell multi-syllable words
- Many children will be working within the Extended Code. This is the part of Sounds Write which addresses the more complex spellings of different sounds.

If your child is bringing home spellings, please can you help them to learn how to spell the words before the following Friday when they are tested.

PE

As it gets colder, please can you make sure your child has dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts for PE. Also, a spare of socks are useful for girls

Buster's Book Club

The children have already brought home their Buster book mark. It's stapled into the front of their reading record book. It would be great if you could continue to read with your child at least 3 times a week but on a Wednesday evening we'd like you to record how many minutes they read for. We will collect this information on a Thursday morning and see which class has the most children reading each week. The winning class will receive a certificate and at the end of each term the class with the most certificates will receive chocolate!



Numeracy

This term, in Mental Maths we will be working on:

- Number recognition
- Quick recall of number facts, such as bonds to 10 and 20
- Counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- Mental addition and subtraction.
- Ordering numbers.

During Numeracy lessons we will be

- learning :
- To multiply and divide
- To add and subtract
- To measure length, time, weight and capacity

Science:

This term in Science we will be looking at living things and their habitats and materials

We will be learning:

- About carnivores, omnivores and herbivores
- To identify and compare everyday materials
- How materials can be changed
- Seasonal changes

Diary dates:

31st January- Tennis at Tides
(details to follow)
10th February-Online Safety Day
14th February-End of Term 3
24th February-Beginning of Term 4
27th February- Giant Panda Class Assembly
2.40pm

