

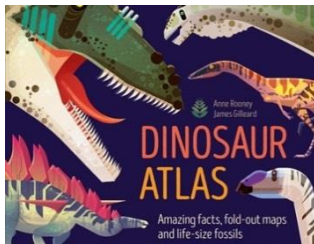


## Reception Curriculum Information

Week beginning: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents

This week our judging of science books for the Royal Society has brought us back down to Earth...but not as we know it. We have gone back over 200 million years to a time when all countries were joined together in one big mass, a time when Dinosaurs roamed the land. We enjoyed exploring Lonely Planet's Kid's Dinosaur Atlas. We were most impressed by the knowledge and opinions of the children as we learned more about why different dinosaur bones have been found in different parts of the world.



Part of our judging involves making a film about our reviews of the books shortlisted for the Royal Society's Young People's book prize. Some of the children have been filmed voicing their opinions of the books, a few have starred alongside Year 4 pupils supporting our judging and some have helped with props to make stop frame animations. We have been talking about different sorts of films and we loved watching animations made by previous classes taught by Mrs Alexandre.

### **Literacy**

Our new sounds this week have been 'c' and 'k'. We have continued to play games blending three sounds together to make a word. We have discovered that not all words make sense and we have had fun sorting real and nonsense words. We have also been thinking about sounds we can hear in words. For most children this has focused on hearing the initial sounds in a word. To support this learning the children all matched dinosaurs to labels on a map of the world by identifying initial sounds. This was a great opportunity also to have a go at correctly forming letters.

### **Maths**

We have begun to explore addition and subtraction. The children have played lots of games to develop an understanding that when you add a number of items to a set you have more and when you take some away, or subtract, you have fewer. We even had a go at completing addition sentences; we counted sets of red or green dinosaurs then counted them altogether to find a total.

Over the weekend you might like to look for numbers in the environment; an example would be road signs. At the moment, most of the children should practise naming single

digits or numbers to 20. If a road sign has 34 miles for example, can the children name the digits 3 and 4?

### **Other activities**

On Friday, we had a wonderful experience in an inflatable planetarium. It was so dark in the dome but once our eyes adjusted we were treated to the magic of starry skies. Rocket Rod delighted us with tales of space exploration and we even got to see his very realistic model rocket.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 4.30 pm - 7.30pm:** Pre Prep settling in parents' evening in the Pre Prep Hall – please book via the online booking system

**Online booking system:** Go to the Town Close website and visit the Parents' Information Centre on the left. Click on the parents' booking system. This will prompt you to enter your email address and password. If you have not used the system before the password is: **townclose**. If you have used the system for after school care, please use the password you have chosen. When you have logged in click the parents' evening button at the top of the screen.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Pre Prep Science Week

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 9.00am - 3.00 pm:** Reception trip to High Lodge, Thetford

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 4.00pm - 5.00pm:** Norfolk Children's Book Centre book sale in the library

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – 2.00pm - 3.00pm:** Grandparents afternoon in the Read Hall - further details to follow.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** Fluenz vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 and 2 children

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 9.45 - 11.45 am:** Reception trip to Norwich Playhouse to see 'The Snail and the Whale'

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00am - 9.45am:** Reception Christmas Production in the Read Hall

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

With our best wishes from Mrs Alexandre, Miss Knightly, Mrs Laing and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*