



Emmanuel C of E Primary School
Nursery Topic Sheet
Spring Term 2022
DINOSAURS
All areas of the curriculum will link to this topic.

MATHEMATICS

This term in Maths we will be practising our counting to 10 using one to one correspondence. We will have fun learning and joining in with the 'Ten Little Dinosaurs Song'. We will also have a go at measuring dinosaurs using cubes or string and think about how many cubes long each dinosaur is. We will then extend our learning by measuring/ comparing and ordering feathers.

Another focus for us this week will be on sorting sets of animals, bears, play people, shapes and other classroom objects by size, length, weight and capacity and will be learning new number songs.

Lastly, we will begin to look at different patterns, extend and create our own patterns.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE & LITERACY

This includes Listening and Attention, Understanding, Speaking, Reading, and Writing

Our focus in Nursery this term is to improve children's listening and understanding skills by sharing longer stories and talking about the main events. We will be looking to improve children's language skills by introducing new topic-related vocabulary, naming and describing different dinosaurs and trying to use full sentences. We will be looking at different fossils and discuss which animals they might belong to. Children will also be given the opportunity to discuss features of flying creatures at the time of dinosaurs and flying creatures at present.

Another focus will be introducing a variety of dinosaur fiction as well as non-fiction books and discuss the difference. We will also be singing a variety of songs and nursery rhymes.

We are aiming to improve children's Phonics skills by sharing rhyming stories, rhyming bingo cards, clapping out the syllables in words and thinking about the odd one out. Another focus in Nursery is writing the initial sound of their names or full name.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This term we will be focusing on settling in, reinforcing routines and class rules; we will be encouraging children to begin separating from parents/carers with confidence. We will be playing a variety of Circle Games with a focus on sharing and turn taking.

In Nursery, we are encouraging positive play and co-operation and we will be doing this through modelling and lots of role play opportunities.

An important focus this term will be learning to show respect and develop our sense of responsibility and membership of a community.

Children will also be encouraged to express and talk about their feelings and feel confident to reach out to a member of staff if they feel worried or distressed.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

The Natural World; Past and Present

In Topic this term, we will begin to think about the meaning of 'past' and 'present' and discuss what living creatures looked like in the past compared to now.

We will be learning when dinosaurs lived, name different types of dinosaurs like Tyrannosaurus and Stegosaurus and attempt to describe them.

We will be learning about palaeontologists and we will be looking at pictures and models of different fossils of plants and animals and attempt to identify which animal or plant they belonged to.

We will also be discussing what other creatures lived at the time of the dinosaurs.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Nursery will be continuing to express themselves by mark making and free drawing using different writing materials.

We will be drawing our favourite dinosaur, enormous dinosaur footsteps and even imagine and draw our own made up dinosaur!

We will be creating dinosaur/ Plesiosaurs/ pterosaurs collages using different materials and exploring different textures and even have a go at creating our own Pterosaur glider!

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Nursery will continue to develop their pencil grip and control through our 'Write, Dance' weekly sessions that the children absolutely love!

There will always be lots of opportunities for free mark making/ drawing with chunky chalk, tracing etc.

We will also have many opportunities to develop our fine and gross motor skills through activities like: threading, use of scissors, boards and pegs, finger gym, tweezers with dinosaurs, counters, pompoms etc

The children will also be making impressions of dinosaurs using play dough/ clay/ salt dough.

We will continue to encourage children to become increasingly independent by washing hands, going to toilet, putting coats on and doing zips up with little or no help.

Children will continue to develop their movement, balancing (dinosaur balancing course), riding trikes and bikes.

RE

Who Cares for This Special World and Why? (Creation)

This term in RE we will be thinking about why we should care for our special world and how we can care for our world every day. We will be learning ways to care for the animals in our special world, our school and our neighbours. We will also be discussing how the church cares for God's special world.

We will also be sharing Bible stories about our special world.