



## Willow Newsletter Spring Term 2

### **Staff**

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### **Topic**

Our topic this half term is 'Dinosaurs'. We will be finding out lots of facts about dinosaurs, such as how long ago they lived, how we know they existed and how they became extinct too.

We will be looking at dinosaur body parts and features and comparing them to our own and also continuing to explore our 5 senses through science investigation.

We will become paleontologists and investigate dinosaur bones and fossils by doing a dinosaur dig! We will then make our own fossils in class.

Later on in the half term, we will discover some naughty dinosaurs who need catching and we will be designing and making traps to catch them!

### **Dates for your diary**

**1<sup>st</sup> March - dress up for world book day**

**29<sup>th</sup> March – Sharing afternoon**

### **P.E**

We will be doing P.E every Thursday and Friday. Please make sure your child has a P.E bag and that all items of clothing in it are named. The children will also need a named pair of plimsolls or trainers for outdoor P.E and a tracksuit. Please ensure that earrings are removed on P.E days.

**Reading** Year 1 reading books will continue to be changed on a Monday and Year R books on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child's reading book and reading record are in their book bag everyday and that you continue to read regularly with your child at home and sign their reading record. Thank you.

**Literacy** Year 1 children will be working on non fiction texts about dinosaurs, identifying their features and comparing them to fictional texts. They will learn how to use a contents page and an index to find information they need to answer questions. They will then move on to descriptive writing about dinosaurs and will also be writing some dinosaur poems. They will also be doing some talk for writing and story writing based on the book 'Dinosaurs in my school'.

Year R will be focusing on phase 3 letter sounds. They will continue to use their phonics knowledge and skills to develop their reading and writing and work on letter formation in handwriting families. They will also start to form longer words, moving on to simple captions and sentences. They will be looking at non fiction dinosaur texts and working on rhyme alongside some great dinosaur stories such as 'Dinosaurs love Underpants'.

**Maths** Yr 1 children will be working on place value to 50, representing numbers to 50 in a variety of ways and partitioning numbers into tens and ones. They will be introduced to inequality symbols and taught to use them to compare numbers and groups of objects. They will be revisiting counting in 2s and learning to find 2 more / 2 less.

Yr R children will work on extending their knowledge of numbers to 20. They will be representing numbers to 20 in different ways and ordering them. They will learn to identify one more or one less than a given number to 20.

Both year groups will also cover measuring this half term.