

Wright Class

Topic Map Spring 1

Welcome to 2026! We have a fun-filled topic to begin our year. Both the adults and children alike are looking forward to learning about dinosaurs. We will be learning the incredibly long names given to these prehistoric creature and facts about their lives here on Earth. If you have any experience to add to our topic please do come and share with us.

Maths

We will continue our Mastery of Number program this term. The children enjoy their daily sessions of number and are gaining a good understanding of what a number looks like, what a number is made of and how to manipulate numbers. This is aimed at Reception children but often PreSchool like to share this with their friends. We also love singing number rhymes.

English

We will continue to explore different texts, developing our story vocabulary as we retell stories orally. We will use puppets and small world characters to retell familiar stories. We are looking forward to extending our knowledge of fairytales. We will be listening for rhyme in the books we read and developing a love for story and story telling.

Reading

All of our Reception children enjoy bringing home their books to share with their grown ups. We have sent home their phonics cards and word building mats—these were discussed at the phonics evening but if you would like a refresher please don't hesitate to ask.

Remember for each time they read at home they get a sticker on their 100 read chart.

Dinosaurs

This term our PCK (Primary Knowledge Curriculum) learning focuses on dinosaurs and prehistoric reptiles. We will learn about how and where dinosaurs lived on Earth long, long ago. We will learn how scientists discovered and still uncover dinosaurs. We will explore different creatures that lived on Earth at the time of the dinosaurs.

RE

Our unit this half term is entitled 'Which stories are special to different people?' We will learn about the special books for Christians and Muslims. We will explore stories from both texts and discuss why they are important to people.

PE

Wright Class will have PE on a Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. They need to come to school in their PE kits on these day. If it is chilly please send your child with shorts and T-shirt underneath their joggers and jumpers as we will be in the hall and they will need shorts and t-shirt for Gymnastics especially.

Respect, Aspire, Challenge, Succeed

Communication and Language

We promote a language rich environment at Holy Cross. We will be practising lots of new vocabulary in our dinosaur topic and trying to wrap our tongues around some very tricky words.

We will have a dino fossil station/museum to develop our children's recall of these dino related words.

Understanding the World

We will spend time thinking about the past—focusing on creatures from prehistory and how palaeontologists discovered the bones and continue to unearth new species even now.

We will think about what dinosaurs ate and if they were herbivores, carnivores or omnivores.

Personal, Social and emotional Development

Our PSHE topic this term is My Emotions.

We will discuss how children feel at different times in their day/week/lives and how we can manage these emotions. We will be exploring what our faces look like and how our body language changes when our emotions change.

Computing

This term we will develop our drawing skills. We will practise logging onto our laptops and finding Purple Mash. Children will be able to use this program at home if they wish to. Please ask for their logins if you would like to help them with this.

Expressive Arts and Design

There is a creative station in our continuous provision for children to make and design their own masterpieces. This term we will encourage them to create their own dinosaur, invent wings for the pterosaurs and use clay to create fossils.

Physical Development

We will create obstacle courses, mini dino sports days and of course have access to the bikes and climbing frame.

We will have opportunities to develop our fine motor skills us using tweezers, foam, play dough, paint brushes, etc.

Home Learning Expectations

It is a school expectation that all children will read three times weekly.

If you have any questions please ask—
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