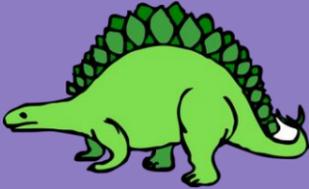


<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gospel Values</u></p> <p>The Gospel Values are at the heart of all we do and inspire our work</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Humility</b>, seeing life as a gift  <b>Compassion</b>, empathy  <b>Kindness</b>, gentleness  <b>Justice</b>, working for a fairer world  <b>Forgiveness</b>, reconciliation  <b>Integrity</b>, do what you say  <b>Peace</b>, committed to peace making, non-violence  <b>Courage</b>, standing up for truth</p>	<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>In RE we will be continuing to embed the Gospel Values into all of our work and play. We will be starting to look at the other values and ways we can demonstrate them.</p> <p>We will also begin to prepare for Easter by finding out about special upcoming events such as Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week. We will be reflecting on how we celebrate this time and also the special journey Jesus went on. Father Barry will also hold a Liturgy for reception parents and children in addition to our whole school Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Characteristics Of Effective Learning</u></p> <p>At St Mary's we want our children to be the best they can be, we encourage a love of learning through our Characteristics:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Go for it Gorilla: I will have a go</b>  <b>Editing Elephant: I can edit and improve my work</b>  <b>Creative Chameleon: I have my own ideas</b>  <b>Concentrating Crocodile: I join in and concentrate</b>  <b>Persevering Parrot: I keep trying</b>  <b>Proud Peacock: I am proud of what I do</b></p>	
<p><u>Personal, Social, Emotional Development</u></p> <p>Reception class have begun their SCARF sessions and will continue with these looking at how we and others are special, our relationships and keeping ourselves safe. We will be building upon strategies for dealing with friendship conflicts and thinking about ways to support our peers.</p> <p>We will also be working on reflection, thinking about ways we might do things better or how we would like to improve with our learning. This will help us to be the best that we can be!</p>	<p><u>Communication and Language</u></p> <p>Our topic this half term gives the children a lot of opportunity to learn new vocabulary, ask questions and explain their own knowledge. We will be learning about giving and following instructions and how important it is to follow them carefully! We will also be having lots of discussions based on the books we are reading, giving our opinion on the characters, settings, information we have learnt and our favourite parts. The children will be undertaking a project for their home learning and will be sharing that information with their friends.</p>	<p><u>Physical Development</u></p> <p>This term our focus in PE is games. We will be learning about how to move safely and confidently in a range of ways outside in addition to following the simple rules of a game. We will continue our Funky fingers work helping us to build our fine motor muscles for writing.</p> <p>We will be thinking about how to look after ourselves and keep healthy particularly through exercise and activities. Letter formation is important this term so there will be a big emphasis on forming our letters carefully and correctly.</p>	
<p><u>Understanding the World</u></p> <p>Dinosaurs is a fantastic topic for us to be learning how to make observations, ask questions and investigate! We will be finding out about a very important woman called Mary Anning and her achievements, we will also be finding out about the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore and investigating dinosaurs from each category and some characteristics they share.</p> <p>We will be using computers and iPads to create our dinosaur fact sheet and learning how to type on a keyboard to write our sentences.</p>	<p><u>Dinosaurs</u></p> <p>Reception Spring Term 2 - 2020</p> 		<p><u>Exploring Art and Design</u></p> <p>The children will be combining media to create different effects and exploring how colours can be made/ changed. We will think carefully about how to use tools and techniques in order to complete a project.</p> <p>This term we will be designing and making different creative projects linked to our topic. such as making and painting a dinosaur model using recycled materials, using instruments to make the sounds of different dinosaurs and recording a piece of dinosaur music. We will also begin using our skills of being an editing elephant and think about how we can make improvements to our creations.</p>
<p><u>Literacy</u></p> <p>The children have learnt their set 1 sounds and we have begun learning set 2, we have also started learning tricky words (words that cannot be read using phonic knowledge they have to be learnt by sight) our focus words to learn are- the, to, I, my, once, he, she, we, be, was, are, they, said. To support at home try practicing these words whenever reading or writing together. In our Talk4Writing this term we will be creating a piece of 'faction' based on a dinosaur we have designed. We will also be writing a set of instructions for how to find a fossil and then a friend will have to follow the instructions.</p>		<p><u>Maths</u></p> <p>This term the children will be securing their number knowledge to 20 and some of us will begin to explore beyond 20. We will be focussing on our number bonds to 20, writing number sentences and using equipment to find the answer to a problem we shall also be introducing counting in 10's.</p> <p>We will be exploring measure this term particularly length and weight- finding out how tall the biggest dinosaur was, which equipment we could use if we were measuring how long a dinosaur was and comparing the weights of different dinosaurs.</p>	
<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>In our SCARF/SEAL groups we will be developing our ability to listen to each other, respect another person's choice or differences and to problem solve in a good way. We will be finding out about how to keep healthy and make healthy choices in addition to helping Harold the Giraffe make good choices.</p>	<p><u>PE</u></p> <p>In PE with Mr Mason we be learning games, particularly outdoor sports as the weather starts to improve. We will also be having a PE session with Mr Dailey this term to help us think about safe risk taking and managing risk.</p>	<p><u>Forest School</u></p> <p>In Forest School we will be learning about our boundaries and to respect our log circle. We will be learning about the different trees that grow on our site and how the seasons change them. In Forest School we also have some time to explore, climbing trees, digging in the mud and rolling down the mound. We will be exploring plants that are safe for us to eat and also other uses plants have.</p>	



## Home Learning Project

Our topic is Dinosaurs- please choose a dinosaur and find out about it.  
The children will present their project in class so please hand in on 30th March.

Dinosaurs you could find out about:

Diplodocus  
Ichthyosaur  
Tyrannosaurus Rex  
Apatosaurus  
Iguanodon  
Brachiosaurus  
Velociraptor  
Plesiosaur

What did it eat?  
What did it look like?  
Where did it live?  
How big was it?  
What does it look like as a fossil?

Ideas for your Project:

Share stories about dinosaurs

Collect / draw pictures

Make a model

Poster

Documentary film and post on Tapestry

Learn a song

Dinosaur themed maths- comparing size

Learn 3 facts

Please note this is not intended to be a huge undertaking, if you contribute a little each week to the project it will make a wonderful project for your child to share.

Any questions please feel free to see me! :-)

Happy project making.