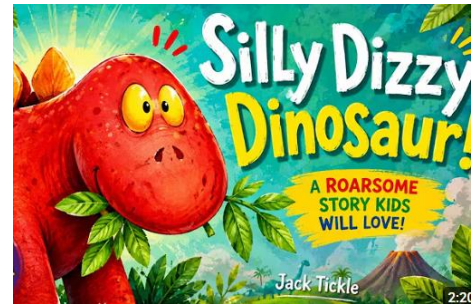
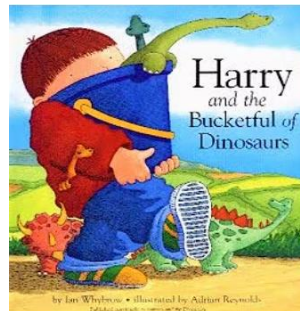
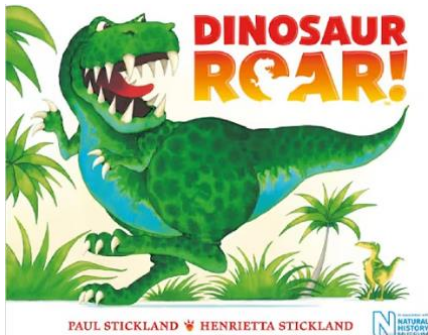


Foundation 2 / Year 1

Autumn Term 1



This half term our topic is Dinosaurs and we will be working on a variety of high-quality texts that are linked together by this theme. The core texts we are going to explore this half term are:



The table below gives you some ideas of what we will be learning in the different areas of our curriculum.

English	Developing our communication skills and being to converse with our peers and adults will be a strong focus this half term but we will also be working on strengthening our hand muscles in preparation for holding our pencils and starting to write our names. Alongside mark making using a variety of different media and materials, we will be listening to stories, responding to questions and learning new vocabulary.
Maths	In school we use the White Rose Maths Scheme and in this half term we will be singing number rhymes, looking at how to use maths equipment alongside more specific maths themes such as Match, sort and compare, 1,2,3,4,5, Circles and Triangles and talking about measures and patterns.
Geography / History	To go alongside our theme of Dinosaurs we will be learning about volcanoes, different environments, and extinction as well as bones found in north America and the Jurassic coastline in Dorset – we will try to find these places on a map.
Science	This half term we will be learning about rocks and fossils, how they came about, and what they are – also looking at them in relation to Dinosaurs. We will also be looking at the seasonal changes – in particular the weather and animals.
Music	We follow a music scheme in school which will give the children experiences in different genres of music. Alongside this we will continually be singing songs and nursery rhymes in class as part of our routine but also will be practising Dingle Dangle Scarecrow and All the Leaves are falling down.
PE	Please make sure that your children come to school dressed in full PE kit to school every TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY including track suit bottoms and tops and suitable footwear. Children will be participating in a variety of fundamental movement skills.
PSHE	For this area of learning we learn skills every day in class and school but we also follow a scheme called Jigsaw. The main focus for this subject this half term is on Being Me In My World – which will encourage the children to think about themselves and why they are important.
Art / DT	We will be making dinosaur models from a variety of different media and materials, as well as malleable materials e.g playdough and clay. We will be looking at a piece of art by Jackson Pollock. We will be attempting to use technology to create a repeating pattern of music we can dance to !!

Learning you could do at home

Phonics

Every day your child will have a phonics lesson – this starts off very simply - listening to different sounds, both in lessons and within the environment and also by us slowly introducing the pictures that we use to represent the letters. We will slowly progress onto learning the letter sounds and how these are pronounced and used as well as learning how to write them. Eventually after a couple of weeks your child will have access to a reading book appropriate to their reading level. Please hear them read these books. The more often they read, the better they will get. We expect all our children to read a minimum of four times a week. Your child may also come home with links to phonics videos to further support their word reading ability and small speed sound booklets for them to practice their sound recognition. Please let us know how your child is reading at home via Dojo.





Our school library

The school has a library of books that the children can borrow from and enjoy at home. The books they choose are to be enjoyed by the whole family. These books may be too difficult for your child to read on their own and so we recommend that the books are read to them by an adult.

The school website also has a virtual library which has some recommended reads for all our children in virtual and video format. These books will be changed every half term.

Literacy

Looking at books together, look at and talk about the pictures, point to the words as you read them.

Fred talk to your child e.g c-a-t can they understand what you are saying?

Keeping talking to you child, they learn how to communicate by lots of practice. Model the correct pronunciation of words.

Encourage them to mark make, colour or use playdough etc – these all develop muscles needed for writing – but so do climbing, being active and using gross motor skills too!

Maths

Can be easily done without it seeming like a lesson.

Talk about the day, date , month, year and season,

Count the stairs as you go up or down them,

How many plates do you need for tea,

What time is it,

Talking about routines of the day,

What shapes we see in our environment.

We love to celebrate home learning, please send in any work your child does at home or why not send us a photo on Dojo and can share this with our class.

If you have any questions, please ask!

Thank you for your support.

Miss Parkin & Mrs Ogden