

Blue Room (F1)
Summer Term 1 2018

F1a -Mrs Foster,
Mrs Pyrah & Miss Aspinall
F1b -Mrs Fryer



Welcome to all the new F1 children who have started in Blue Room.

We hope you all had a lovely Easter and the children are looking forward to learning about our new topic 'Dinosaurs'.

During the day your child will enjoy participating in a mixture of teacher led and child led activities. At the start of each classroom session, your child will have a whole class input before going to 'Explore and Investigate' time. During this session children are able to explore all areas of the Foundation Unit and are able to lead their own learning and likes. They will also take part in a follow up focus activity with their teacher.



In Communication, Language and Literacy we will be listening to books themed around 'Dinosaurs'. These will include many stories and non-fiction books. We will be exploring story structure, characters and settings and creating our own story maps.

We will continue to work on our pencil control, including working on forming our letters correctly. We will provide opportunities for the children to engage in writing independently, and aided by an adult.



During this half term, we will do lots of different activities based around our new topic, **Dinosaurs**.

Our activities this half term will include: creating a story 'diorama' in a shoebox, making a clay dinosaur and having a go at painting our own dinosaur using 'Purple Mash'. In music, we will explore the link between sound and movement and learn some new songs. During R.E we will learn the story of 'Noah's Ark'.



In Maths, we will do lots of counting and number formation practice. We will also learn about time, explore capacity and begin to look at comparing groups of objects. We will practise using the correct mathematical vocabulary and will continue to record our work in different ways.

MONDAY TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY FRIDAY
SATURDAY SUNDAY

Muddy Explorers

In Muddy Explorers, the children have the opportunity to take part in various learning activities outside. This could be exploring wildlife, making mud pies and potions or focusing on the differences between the seasons.

Please ensure your child brings named wellies and a waterproof into school on the following days:



F1a - Wednesday am

F1b - Thursday am

If the weather looks warm and dry you do not need to bring the kit for that day. A sunhat and sun cream would be required instead. We will go outside regardless of the weather!

Phonics



In Phonics we will be continuing to work on Phase 1. Phase 1 includes lots of activities that work on listening skills and discriminating between sounds. We will also begin to work on identifying initial sounds within words.



Ball Skills

Ball Skills will take place on the following days:

F1a - Monday

F1b - Friday

Children will need to bring in their named outdoor Ball Skills kit each week. The kit needs to include leggings or joggers, t-shirt, trainers and a sunhat for warmer days or a jumper for cooler days. They will bring their kit home at the end of the day each week.

'Free Choice' books

Your child will continue to bring home one of our 'free choice' books each week. We ask that you share these books with your child, encouraging them to talk about the illustrations, characters, setting and story line. You may want to talk about what might happen next and how the story might end. Above all, this should be a relaxed and enjoyable time.

These are all important pre-reading skills which lay a strong foundation for when your child enters F2 and begins to learn to read.

Have fun and enjoy!



- Please ensure that book bags are brought into school every day.
- Please bring a clearly named water bottle into school on a Monday (F1a) and a Wednesday (F1b)
- Water bottles will be sent home every Wednesday (F1a) and Friday (F1b) to be washed.
- Please ensure that all of your child's uniform and belongings are labelled clearly.
- To help your child please practise:
 - Putting on their own coats and zipping them up
 - Taking their shoes on and off
 - Dressing and undressing themselves

Thank you, Mrs Foster, Mrs Pyrah,
Miss Aspinall and Mrs Fryer

If you have any spare time during the school day we always appreciate parents and grandparents coming in to help in class and on school visits. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help, either on a weekly basis, a one off, or each half term.

