

# What is happening in Reception this week?

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

## Literacy



We will be reading a new story this week 'Stomp Dinosaur, Stomp', written by Margaret Mayo and Alex Ayliffe. It is a book that describes dinosaurs and their actions like stomping, swishing, gliding, etc. We will also be using our sounds to write sentences about some dinosaurs. We will practise our handwriting and reading in phonics.

## Maths



We are going to be revising our numbers 1-5 this week. Thinking about how each number can be made, e.g. 5 is  $4 + 1$  or  $2 + 3$ . We will also be practising recognising the amount without counting, e.g. 4 on a dice, 3 fingers, 2 items, 5 Numicon, 4 on a ten-frame. We will also further develop our addition and subtraction skills.

## Messages

The children continue to settle back into school routines and are working very hard on their learning. Many children are finding it very tiring adjusting back to full time education, so it is vital they get plenty of sleep. We still have a few children who need to bring their PE kits back to school. **Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school ready for this Friday.** We continue our focus on improving communication and language skills this term, so we are better able to access all of our learning. We are currently focusing on our listening skills.

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## Topic

This week, within our animal topic, we are looking at dinosaurs. We will be thinking about what sort of animals they were and learning some of their names. We will find some information about them, like how they moved. We will learn that they lived a very long time ago and we will find out how we know about them. We will explore making images of dinosaurs using shapes and making skeletons of them using penne pasta.

## How can you help at home?

Please help your child to improve their listening and concentration by playing games, talking and finding things out together. Please support their phonics and reading development by listening to them reading their green words, red words and their books, once they are at this stage. Remember to do lots of oral blending with them to help their reading and practise their sounds daily. Some children are learning set 2 now and will need lots of practise with these, as well as their special friends from set 1. There are a few children who still need to remember to bring in their reading folders daily. Please help your child with this, so they have the things they need and develop good routines at an early age. Help your child develop positive attitudes to reading by sharing books with them and reading plenty of stories to them that they enjoy. We want all of our children to develop a love of reading and have the skills they need to read fluently and with good understanding. Please encourage your child to have fun with some writing activities, practising writing letters correctly and using their sounds to write words. Also have fun with maths, exploring numbers and concepts in everyday life, e.g. cooking, counting things, finding which is more and how many all together, etc.

**We are always here to support you. Education is a partnership. The stronger the partnership, the better it is for everyone. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please let us know. Have a lovely week!**