



# What is happening in Reception this week?

## 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Literacy



We will be trying to retell parts of the book this week 'Stomp Dinosaur, Stomp', describing the actions of some dinosaurs. We will also be reading a new book called 'Dinosaur Bones' by Bob Barner. It tells us about the skeletons left behind by dinosaurs and what they tell us about them. There are lots of interesting facts like the first T.Rex skeleton was found in Montana in 1902. Their skull can weigh up to 750 pounds and their arms were so small they couldn't scratch their chin.

### Maths



We are going to be revising our numbers 6 – 10 this week. We will be thinking about how each number can be made, e.g. 7 is  $6 + 1$  or  $2 + 5$ . We will be practising reading our numbers and counting accurately up to 20. Over the week, we will practise our addition and subtraction skills too. We will explore our maths through the theme of Easter.



### Topic

This week, we will finish looking at dinosaurs and learn a little bit about Easter. We will focus on dinosaur skeletons and we will try and do an online tour of the British Museum. We will listen to the Easter Story and think about some of the symbols of Easter like chocolate eggs and hot cross buns. We will be making an Easter card and making a 'Chocolate Easter Nest'.

### Messages

The children have been working hard at school and adjusting back into the routines and expectations. We break up on Thursday for the Easter holidays at 3.10pm. We have sent PE kits home for you to wash, as we won't need them this week. While kits are at home, please could you check everything still fits and is still named and return kits to school ready for PE on the first Friday after the holidays - thank you!

**IMPORTANT**

## How can you help at home?

It is really important to support your child over the Easter Holidays. Please keep helping 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 still do lots of oral blending with them to help their reading and practise their sounds regularly. Please help your child develop positive attitudes to reading by sharing books with them and reading plenty of stories to them that they enjoy. Have fun retelling them and play around with changing things too! 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. There are lots of online activities the children can do to practise their basic skills like 'Ten Town'.

**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!**