

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in KS1 are SO EXCITED about their new topic - Dinosaur Planet! We are especially looking forward to our Reptile Workshop next week and a trip to Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park (more details to follow).

Stomp, crash, roar! Watch out – there are dinosaurs about! Yes, that’s right, we’re travelling back in time to the age of the dinosaurs.

This half term, we’ll look closely at ancient fossils and study reptiles to understand how dinosaurs may have lived and eventually died out. We’ll learn about the great fossil hunter, Mary Anning, and follow in her footsteps, studying dinosaur teeth and bones to find out what dinosaurs liked to eat. Learning dinosaur names, creating puzzling riddles, writing fantastic fact files and creating exciting dinosaur stories are some of the other activities we’ll be involved in this half term. We’ll also use our artistic skills to make model dinosaurs and to design dinosaur landscapes.

In Maths, we will be deepening our understanding of place value, but counting to 50 (Y1) and 100 (Y2). We will also be partitioning numbers, writing numbers, estimating and comparing objects and counting in 10s (Y1), 2s, 5s and 3s.

In Science, we will be finding out about animals, including humans. We will focus on animal offspring and how animals change as they grow. We will also look at the human life cycle and basic needs of animals. We will also focus on the importance of exercise and a balanced diet.

In our RE learning, we will be finding out about what life is like for Muslims living in the UK and comparing the Muslim faith with the Christian faith.

Our PSHE unit is 'Being Me in My World'. The children will explore their own thoughts and feelings about their hopes and fears for the new school year, and focussing on things that make them special.

In Music, we will be exploring rhythm and melody using Charanga to help us. We will also have a go at writing our own 'Dinosaur Rap!'.

Our Art sessions this half term will focus on creating Mary Anning collographs, using Double Elephant Company as our inspiration.

This afternoon, your child will bring home their brand new Home Learning Folder, with lots of great ideas for supporting your child's learning at home.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to Miss Ratcliffe, Mrs Lewis (Class 2) or Mr Booth (Class 1).

*Kind regards,*

*Miss Ratcliffe, Mrs Lewis, Mr Booth, Mrs Wyborn and Mrs Seymour.*