

# LEARNING PREVIEW

## Heath Class - Autumn Term 1

### *Dinosaurs/Science Week*

**Dates - 19/10/15 - 23/10/15**

#### How our learning will link to our children's lives, interests and experiences

Thank you for all the wonderful books, photos and magazines and model animals you have allowed your child to bring to school. It has been a wonderful addition to our learning.

- Our wild animals theme has evolved to incorporate dinosaurs, again following the interests of the children. We have been sorting and grouping our wild animals and dinosaurs in more ways than I could imagine, looking at more and less and exploring the structure of stories in preparation for our own creations.
- We have looked at many images of dinosaurs and wild animals and discussed how the animal might be feeling in a particular image, exploring language such as happy, excited, angry, scared, cross, frightened. We have then brought it back to ourselves, wondering what might happen to make us feel some of these feelings.
- We plan to take this a little further by creating our own stories around animals, developing a simple storyline with a beginning, middle and end. When reading stories with your child, chat to them about where they think the beginning, middle and end of the story is.

#### How our learning will link to the wider world

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October is the start of **Science Week** across the school. The theme this year is all about exploring and investigating, something the children in Heath class relish! We will link this exciting week with our dinosaur exploration and plan to grow some food for a dinosaur to eat as well as releasing dinosaur fossils from their ice blocks and perhaps even making our own fossils.

Books - you could look in the library for...

*Dinosaurs Love Underpants* -  
Claire Freedman and Ben Cort

*Dinosaur Roar* - Paul and  
Henrietta Stickland

Non fiction books on dinosaurs

#### Sing-a-long with us!

We have a focus on rhythm and rhyme this half-term. The wild animal music we have been listening to and learning from is available on Spotify, if you have access to it. Search for Beautiful Creatures by Ed Jordan.

#### Ideas

Visit the library or click on the link below to spark some ideas for creating your own experiments at home. Have fun!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeLT-O8Mz2M>

#### **REMEMBER**

Take photos of any science experiment you do at home, we would love to hear all about them!

Please could you send a small, washed yoghurt pot (a fromage frais sized one would be ideal) to school with your child next week as it will make a perfect container in which to grow our dinosaur food!