



LEARNING PREVIEW

Heath Class - Spring Term 1

Dates - 15/01/18 - 12/02/18

Dinosaurs and Chinese New Year

Mrs O'Dell and Mrs Pinkham

Supported in the morning by: Mrs Timmins, Mrs Wale and Mrs Fisher

Supported in the afternoon by: Mrs Timmins, Miss Bushell and Mrs Watson



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

- Dinosaurs are a Heath class favourite with Dinosaur Roar being asked for at story time on many occasions.
- We thought we would seize their interest in dinosaurs and learn all about them. We will learn some names, about extinction, fossils and learn words to describe; spiky, bumpy, smooth, large, and small.
- For the last week of this half term we will look at Chinese New Year story, and link this into our learning of ordinal numbers.

How our learning will link to the wider world

- Children will be introduced to our dinosaur topic. Children are welcome to bring in dinosaur related objects or books, either fiction or nonfiction. These will be looked at during show and tell or carpet times.
- We will compare our world to the world of dinosaurs, thinking about differences and similarities.
- When learning about the Chinese New Year, we will learn about their culture and customs, including Chinese writing, symbolic foods and what happens at the start of their new year.

Books

- Dinosaur Roar
- Gigantosaurus
- Mad About Dinosaurs
- Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs
- Lanterns and Firecrackers

Ideas

Create your own dinosaur from boxes or playdough.

Take a blanket outside on a cloudy day and see if any clouds look like dinosaurs

Can you draw a friendly or scary or baby dinosaur?

Can you make up dinosaur names; Mrs O'Dellosaurus, Mrs P-Rexham!

Create problems: if 5 dinosaurs go into the forest and 2 get lost, how many are left?

Sing-a-long with us!

We will sing songs about dinosaurs and Chinese New Year

5 Tubby Snowmen

If You're a Tyrannosaurus

Long Long Ago

5 Fortune Cookies in a Bakers Shop

Kung Hei Fat Choy

REMEMBER

- Talk to your child about dinosaurs and China asking for his/her thoughts or ideas. When your child offers a theory, respond with something like, "What makes you say that?" or "That's interesting, tell me more."
- Please encourage your child to be independent in putting on their coat, taking their socks and shoes off and on, using the toilet and remembering to wash our hands!
- We love receiving your magic moments. If you need a new sheet please ask.
- Library - this will be on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Show and tell:
 - Morning and all day A's is Monday morning.
 - Afternoon and all day B's is Wednesday afternoon