



## Nursery

### Curriculum Newsletter

## Spring 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you had a restful half term and are ready for another exciting half term in Nursery!

### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

This term we will continue to read books linked to our topic each week in order to develop our vocabulary and use of tenses, as well as reading books linked to our other learning, such as RE and PSED. The activities linked to these books are varied but will start to be more language focused as we move further with our phonics, beginning to look at rhyme and initial sounds of words. For their writing and mark making, the children will be continuing to practise writing their names as part of self-registration, and we will be practising individual letter formation in groups.

Thank you once again to the parents who are commenting in your child's reading journal, this is very important for supporting your child to develop their love of reading!

### **Mathematics**

This half term, we are going to continue to recognise and name shapes and colours (as you may already have heard from our Puddles and Rainbows topic!) We will also be looking more in depth at linking numerals to quantities and using their knowledge of number to begin to solve simple mathematical problems. This will help develop your child's understanding of the composition of numbers and help create patterns. As part of our Dangerous Dinosaurs topic, we will also look at maps and measuring distance by walking or jumping and counting!

### **Mini project: Puddles and Rainbows**

Our mini project, which we will be learning about first, is themed around spring, changes in the weather and colours. We will discuss rain and the natural phenomenon of rainbows, as well as looking for colours in the natural world and making observations. We also discuss our feeling and how feelings can be associated with colours in addition to how to recognise them in ourselves and others.

**Main project: Dangerous Dinosaurs**

*In this topic we will be learning about dinosaurs and about how they relate to the animals we see today! This will teach your child about change over time, as well as allowing many opportunities to discuss and learn from non-fiction books. We will be looking at how we know about dinosaurs and learning a little about fossils, as well as learning the difference between carnivores and herbivores. We will also look at the animals that followed the dinosaurs and celebrating our own Dinosaur Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March!*

**RE**

*In RE, our new topic is called 'Gathering' – we will be learning about the parish community and special times when we gather together. This links well to our collective worship theme of 'Community'. As we are approaching the Easter season, we will also learn about Ash Wednesday, Lent and how this leads to the Easter story.*

**Other information**

*Homework will continue to be set every fortnight and checked on Thursdays, linked to your child's learning in school.*

*Please continue to name all items of clothing your child wears to school, particularly extras such as gloves and scarves during the cold weather. If you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact the school office with a message and I will get back to you.*

*Many Thanks for your continued support,*

*Miss Slattery and the Nursery Team*