

Tawny Owls and Barn Owls Curriculum Map

This term our theme is dinosaurs. We will look at what the world was like a long, long time ago and how we know about dinosaurs, fossils and extinction.

In Literacy, we will be using our newly acquired vocabulary, e.g. dinosaur names and descriptive language e.g. stomp, roar, scales, horns, plates, to discuss dinosaurs.

In Maths, we will be showing numbers 0-10 on our fingers, singing familiar songs like 'Ten Little Monkeys' and 'Once I caught a fish alive'. We will be developing our counting by counting stamps, claps and jumps. We will also be going on shape hunts.

In Physical Development, we will be practising our gross motor skills by balancing and playing games. We will practise our fine motor development by using small tools like; cutlery, tweezers, pipettes and scissors.

Key dates

15th January 2022 – deadline for school applications

14th – 18th February Half term – Closed to term time children



At home you can.....

- Research a favourite dinosaur
- Draw/make/sculpt a dinosaur
- Look back at pictures of the past and now. This could be family photos or using books
- Practise counting in lots of different ways and using lots of different objects or actions

This half term we will be learning the nursery rhyme 'Diddle Diddle Dumpling'. It would be great if you could sing it at home too.

Please feel free to upload any pictures or videos to Tapestry of any activities your child does at home. We love to see what they've been up to at home and can share these in class.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development, we will be focusing on perseverance. This will include being determined, not giving up, not letting go, strength, trying when something is hard, working towards goals and working with others to achieve a goal. We will also be encouraging the children to try new things and be confident to 'have a go'.

In Communication and Language Development, we will be building up vocabulary about dinosaurs. Use different tenses to discuss things that are happening now and things that happened in the past and things that happened a very long time ago, e.g. we are alive now, dinosaurs are not alive anymore, they lived a long time ago.

In Understanding the World, we will be looking at the past and present, what parts of the world dinosaurs have been found in and learning about what fossils are.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be making splatter/drip paintings based on 'Number 8' by Jackson Pollock. We will also be exploring different medias to make our own dinosaurs.

Reminders

Applying for a school place information - If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, and you live in Cambridgeshire you need to apply for Reception for September 2022. The deadline for applications is **15th January 2022**, you will then get an offer for a place on 19 April 2022.

Please make sure your child comes with weather appropriate clothing and all items are clearly named. It is also useful if your child comes to pre-school with a couple of sets of spare clothes in case of any accidents.

If your child has come home wearing any spare clothes or shoes from pre-school, we would be grateful if you could return them as soon as possible.