



JOY Class Curriculum Coverage – Term 4 2020 (Dinosaur Planet)

<p>Our English work this term will be focused around stories about dinosaurs. We will be making story plans to retell some dinosaur stories, writing instructions and creating dinosaur poems.</p> <p>Our daily phonic sessions will mostly focus on recapping the phase 5 phonemes – we will again be reading real and alien words and becoming sound detectives to look for phonemes to chunk and blend our words.</p> <p>Spellings will be given out and tested on Fridays.</p>	<p>In Maths this term we will begin by recapping on our addition and subtraction skills and making sure that we are really secure at our number bonds to 10. We will be moving on to counting forwards and backwards when adding or subtracting. We will also be measuring dinosaur footprints and weighing objects.</p> <p>We will be revising writing number words to at least 10.</p>
<p>In Science we will be learning about the weather and how it changes from season to season. We will learn about weather symbols and give our own weather forecasts. In addition, we will make rain gauges and use these to collect rainfall data to analyze. Mrs Pitman – Jones will teach this on Wednesdays.</p> <p>In music we will be using the Music Express scheme and following the unit on weather. Mrs Pitman-Jones will be teaching this on Wednesdays.</p>	<p>In RE we will be focusing on the theme of ‘Salvation’, thinking about the Easter story and how it is important for Christians around the world.</p> <p>We will have 2 PE sessions per week. These will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. We will try to go outside at times so your child may bring leggings/joggers and trainers to wear on these occasions.</p>
<p>In History we will be learning about Mary Anning and how she discovered fossils. We will also be thinking about dinosaurs and how they came to be extinct.</p>	<p>In Art/DT we will be linking our work to the topic of dinosaurs. Activities will include 3D model making, making dinosaur fossil prints and using collage.</p> <p>We will finish the topic by making dinosaur biscuits!</p>

How can you help?

Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home as well as regularly returning their home reading book and signed reading record. Encourage your child to read not only stories but also instructions, newspapers, information texts as this exposure will broaden their vocabulary and knowledge of different text structures. At Sutton Benger we ask that your child reads/share a book with an adult 3 times per week. As a busy parent myself I know that can sometimes be difficult, however the benefits of this can really make a difference to a child’s progress. **Please remember that your child may be asked to reread a book – this is an important skill as it enables your child to think about themes on a deeper level.**

Reading is not just about learning the words!

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has a plain white t shirt, black/navy shorts and daps or trainers in school in order to participate in PE. - this should all be clearly named. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please let us know via a written note. **Your child needs their PE kit to be in school every day in case of timetable changes.**

3B4ME

As a school we have adopted the 3B4ME strategy. The idea behind this is to encourage children to use other strategies before asking an adult for help.

For instance, your child would ask a buddy, look in a book (or around class) or use their own brain before coming to check in with an adult.

It would be helpful if you could reinforce this strategy at home if possible.

Home learning

Home learning is an opportunity for you to support your child's learning in school. This helps you to know what they have been learning and spend time with your child reinforcing these skills. Please ensure that your child completes all home learning which includes spellings.

The timetable below shows a typical week in term 4:

Monday	
Tuesday	PE (outside session if possible) Books checked and changed by Mrs Wilson
Wednesday	Mrs Pitman-Jones teaching all day Home learning handed in
Thursday	Mrs Kelsey teaching 12.45 – 2.30 (Mrs Magson PPA time)
Friday	Books checked and changed by Mrs Wilson Spelling check up. Home learning and spellings to be given out PE (hall session)

Here's to another successful term. I am available at the end of most school days to answer any questions or for a more in depth discussion on any concerns you may have.

Mrs Magson