

Spring Term 2 Topic: Dinosaurs

Key texts



Writing

We want your child to develop a love for writing at a young age. Providing your child with hands-on experiences are great way to spark their creativity with writing. This might include a trip away or even a simple trip to find some 'dinosaur bones' in the forest. Getting your child to write sentences consisting of about 5-7 words about what they have observed outside or their favourite type of dinosaur is a great starting point!

As children are learning about dinosaurs, it might be worth taking a blanket outside and watching the clouds on a cloudy day. Can you spot any clouds that look like dinosaurs. Do they have spikes or long tails? Have a go at writing some sentences using adjectives to describe them.

At school, children will be learning about the size of dinosaurs and their names. They will also learn about time periods e.g. years and decades.

Other home learning ideas

Make your own salt dough fossil. Here is a video showing you how to do it!

[Making a Fossil - CBeebies - BBC](#)

Home learning project

Create your own dinosaur out of junk modelling materials. Like architects, sketch your design and then create it! Give your dinosaur a name and write some adjectives to describe it. Is it scary or friendly? Is it large, long or scaly?

Reading

Most children will now know the following sounds. Please work with them at home to help them say these sounds speedily.



Fred Talk

At school, we use Fred talk to help us to blend. Fred says the sounds before reading the words.

Key reading words to practise:

stay, been, high, hair, whirl, twirl, shout, enjoy

Red words

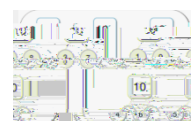
Red words are words you cannot sound out. Help your child to recognise these words. Remember do not sound out the words, just say it!

I, my, put, no, for, go, to, the, he, we, me, be, she



Maths

Next term, we are learning about numbers beyond 10. Can you recall number bonds for numbers 0-10? Can they explore the composition of numbers up to 10? We will also be looking at selecting, rotating and manipulating shapes to develop children's spatial reasoning skills



Remember to go onto our school website for key calendar dates: [Calendar - Avanti Fields School](#)

Remember to log on to your child's Espresso account to access their learning pad and a wealth of learning resources.