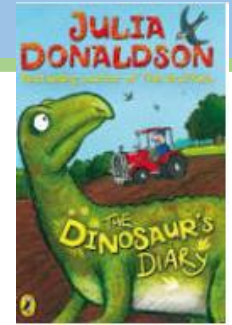


Marvellous Dinosaurs

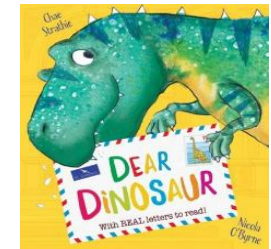


In the Warren this term our project will be '**Marvellous Dinosaurs.**'

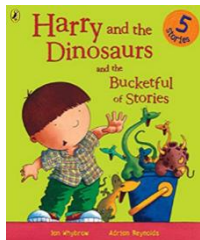


Throughout the term your child will explore the exciting world of Dinosaurs and know they lived millions of years ago but are now extinct. We will find out about different sorts of dinosaurs and their similarities to today's reptiles. We will identify their unique features and learn to use new vocabulary to describe their appearances and behaviours. We will learn about what dinosaurs ate and how their bodies were adapted to this. We will find out about their size, height and weight relative to us and other objects around us. We will start to measure using standard and non-standard units. E.g. How many dinosaur footsteps would it take to reach the other side of the playground?

We will start our topic by reading 'Dear Dinosaur' by Chae Strathie, and responding to letters from a dinosaur who wants to lay her eggs in the dinosaur cave we made in our classroom. We will help her to make a nest ready for her eggs and wait eagerly for them to hatch!



Our role play area has become a land of dinosaurs, and swamps and forests are set to grow throughout the term. We will excavate for bones and fossils, search slimy swamps, create dinosaur models, skeletons and fossils and create dark and shady forests



We will read a number of dinosaur stories including 'Harry and the Bucketful of dinosaur stories' as well as finding out facts in a range of non-fiction books.

The books will be brought to life by props and sensory experiences to support imagination and to add to the children's story reading experience. We will use Attention Autism to encourage the children to further engage their attention and develop their understanding of dinosaurs. Our vocabulary will focus on nouns such as 'dinosaurs', 'reptiles', 'swamps', 'forests', 'horns', 'spikes', 'armour', verbs such as 'roaring', 'plodding', 'gliding', 'sprinting', 'wading' and adjectives including 'huge', 'fierce', 'enormous' and 'spiky.'

To support your child with this project at home you could:

- Look at a variety of books with your child, both fiction and non-fiction to support their language development and help them find out additional facts.
- Help them identify characteristics of dinosaurs and be able to point out horns, claws, sharp teeth, and long tails and begin to understand what they were used for.
 - Talk about different foods that are plant-based and meat-based

Throughout the project, via Class Dojo, we'll be uploading photographs and videos to share our learning experiences each week.