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Coming up next week...03/02/2025

Next week, to help the children develop their understanding of mental health and the importance of embracing who they are, they will be participating in activities linked to this year's theme: 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. There will also be an assembly to talk about the importance of mental health, linking to the theme.

At the end of the week, on Friday 7th February, children are invited to 'Dress to Express' where they can wear an item of clothing or an accessory with their school uniform that is meaningful and represents something about them.

To find out more about Children's Mental Health Week or the mental health charity 'Place 2 Be', please click the link: [Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk). If you wish to donate, please find information here: [Donate | Place2Be](#).

To finish our dinosaur topic and to celebrate all the wonderful learning the children have done, we would like to invite parents/carers to come and view our dinosaur museum on Thursday 13th February from 3.00 - 3.15pm. Children will be **dismissed at 2.50pm as usual and will then be invited to re-enter with their adult once all children from each class have been safely dismissed or collected by after school club. We appreciate your patience waiting outside with your child for a short time.**

Unfortunately, this is the only time that each class' dinosaur museum will be open. Don't worry if you are unable to make it as the children will be bringing home all of their creations at the end of the half-term.

Additional note to Jellyfish Class Parents: when invited back in with your child, please re-enter via Starfish or Turtle external doors, as nursery will be dismissing children from the Jellyfish door. Thank you.

Parents Evening Reminder - please book your appointments.

Field Friday Wellies - please ensure your child has a pair that fit. Sadly, a few children were unable to enjoy the muddy fun this Friday as they didn't have suitable footwear.

Learning in school:

Theme for the Term: Dangerous Dinosaurs!

We are going back in time to widen our knowledge about dinosaurs. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between the dinosaurs, their size and features. We will also be learning facts using non-fiction books and learning how to look after dinosaurs.

Theme for the Week:

This week we will be exploring dinosaur information books, researching exciting facts and creating our own dinosaur fact books. As part of our materials topic in science, we will be investigating some properties of materials and making our own dinosaur fossils out of salt dough.

Phonics:

This week, we will be recapping the phase 3 sounds and tricky words we have been practising this half term.

Maths:

In maths this week, we will be exploring number 6, 7 and 8 and how we can represent these numbers in different ways.

Additional notes and reminders

Homework

Sound sheets will still be given out each week.

Maths homework can be found in the blue homework folders in your child's bookbag. Please pick a game to play and write notes on how your child is getting on. The aim of the homework is to help the children learn to subitise (recognise without counting) dotty amounts and to begin to learn some simple addition facts off by heart. If you do

not have a dice at home then please email your class teacher and they will print off a paper dice for you to have for home.

Homework folders will be collected in the same day that sounds folders are collected in.

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Please note that as the week progresses it is sometimes necessary to change what is planned to meet the learning needs of the children and therefore changes to the above may occur.