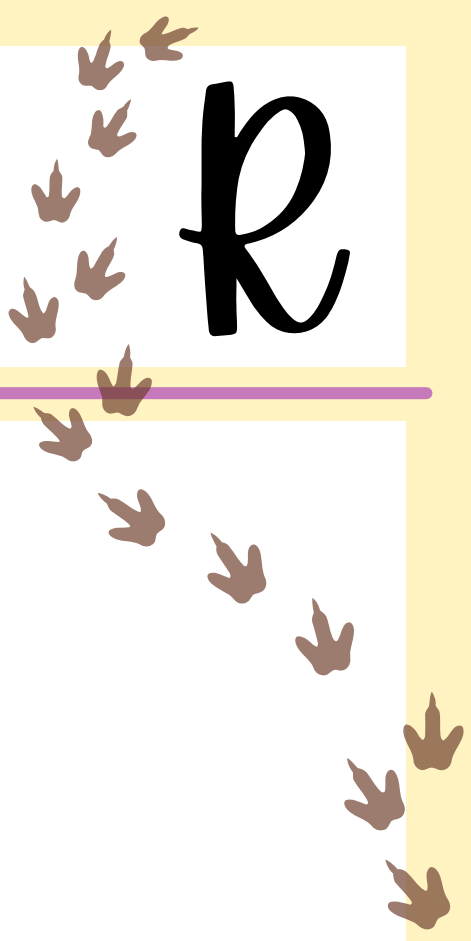
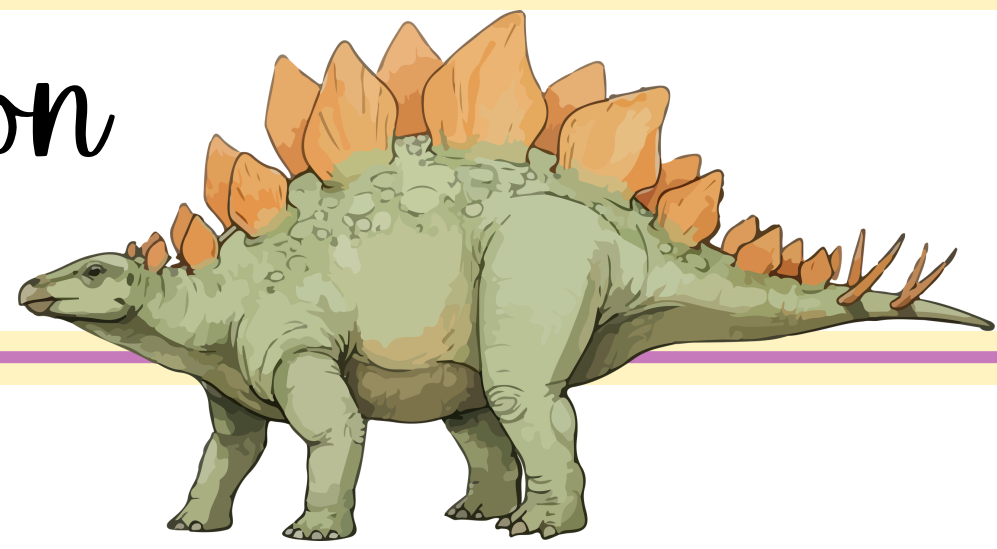


Parent Learning Information

Spring Half Term 2 2026



Writing Curriculum

This half term in writing, our focus is on transcription, with particular emphasis on developing a secure pencil grip and correct sitting posture. We are encouraging the children to take pride in their work by practising accurate pre-cursive letter formation. To support this, we are using our Letter-join handwriting scheme, which helps pupils form letters consistently and confidently.

Linking to our dinosaur topic, the children will be creating a Stegosaurus fact file. Across the week, they will practise writing dictated sentences, such as "They have big feet," before applying these skills in their own independent writing.

We also have our exciting trip to Hamerton Zoo, where the children will see a range of fascinating animals and enjoy a ride on the dino train. Following our visit, the children will recount their day using simple sentence stems such as "We saw a...". We hope this real-life experience will inspire their ideas and support them in developing their writing further.

For our poetry spotlight, the children will explore a poem about a Tyrannosaurus rex. They will be supported to write about descriptive features within the poem. We will also consider questions such as what is its tail like? What are its teeth like?

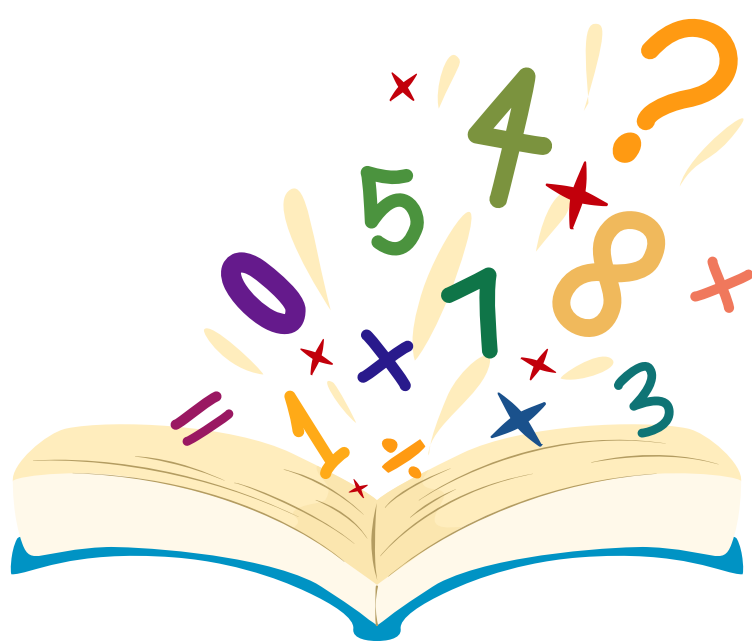


Maths Curriculum

This half term in Maths, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction within 5, recognising odd and even numbers within 10, and exploring coins. We will also be recapping number formation (numbers 1-10) and counting verbally to 30.

In school, we explain that a number is even if it can be shared equally. A great way to reinforce this at home is by sharing objects between two people. For example, Mum has 6 sweets and shares them between Bingo and Bluey. If they both have the same amount, the number is even.

We will also be learning about money, focusing on the 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p coins. Children will explore these coins and learn how money can be used for simple addition and subtraction in everyday situations.



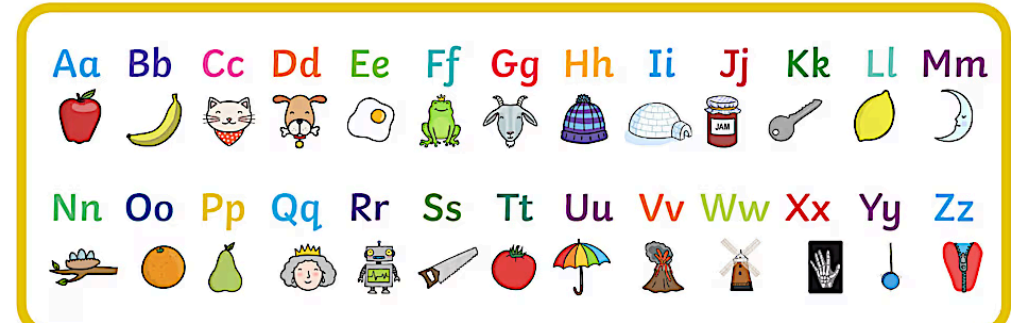
Reading Curriculum



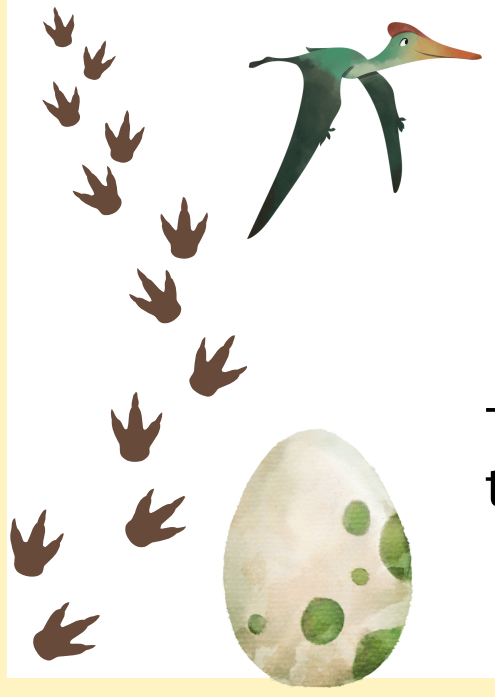
This half term, children will learn new digraphs (oo as in moon, oo as in book, ar, or and ur) while continuing to build confidence with red and green words using their bookmarks. They will practise segmenting and blending sounds to read words and simple sentences, and will use their growing phonics knowledge to read and write words and short phrases.

In reading lessons, we will focus on applying phonics to build confidence and fluency, while developing skills such as predicting, summarising and answering comprehension questions. Through choral and partner reading, children support one another and practise turn-taking – a strategy that can also be used at home.

We will also explore rhyme each week through class poems linked to our topics. Children will identify rhyming words, clap rhythms and enjoy familiar songs and nursery rhymes. Linking poetry to our writing helps build vocabulary, confidence and oracy skills, encouraging children to enjoy performing and playing with language.



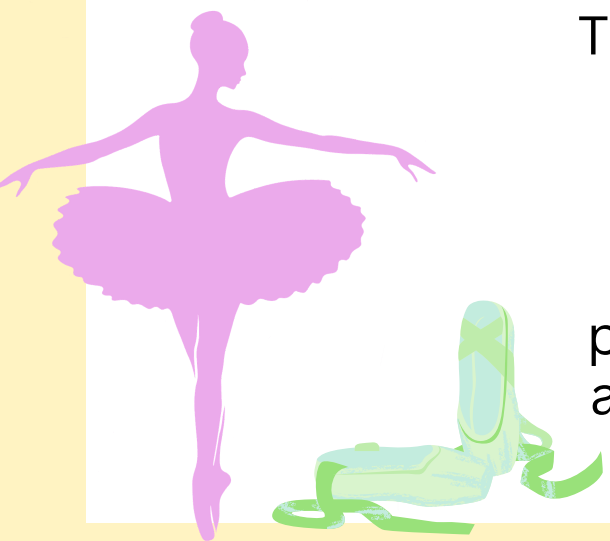
Topic - Dinosaurs



This half term, our topic will focus on Dinosaurs. The children will explore what dinosaurs were, what they ate and where they lived, developing their understanding of the world around them. We will also learn about the extinction of dinosaurs and discuss different ideas about why this may have happened. We will explore simple food chains which will help develop an early understanding of how living things rely on one another.

To enrich this learning, we will be going on a highly anticipated trip to Hamerton Zoo, where the children will have the opportunity to ride the dino train and see a range of animals. This memorable experience will stay with the children, inspiring them to talk about what they have seen and encouraging further curiosity, helping to bring our learning to life.

Performing Arts - Including Music

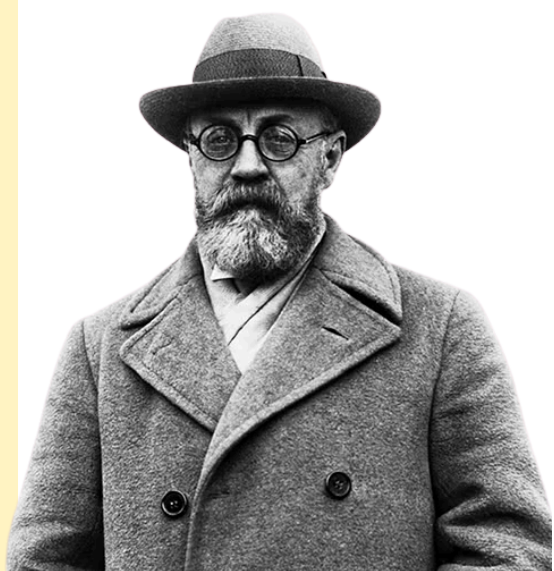


This term in Reception, we will be learning all about the art of Ballet and also incorporating the Lion King Musical within Performing Arts and Music.

We will learn the basic skills of a Ballerina including the arms and feet positions and understanding the style of dance and vocabulary. We will also be looking closer at the musical The Lion King in Music focusing on varieties of African instruments and structure of music.



Art



This term in Reception, we will be learning all about dinosaurs through art and creativity. Children will explore different types of dinosaurs and discover their exciting shapes, sizes, and features.

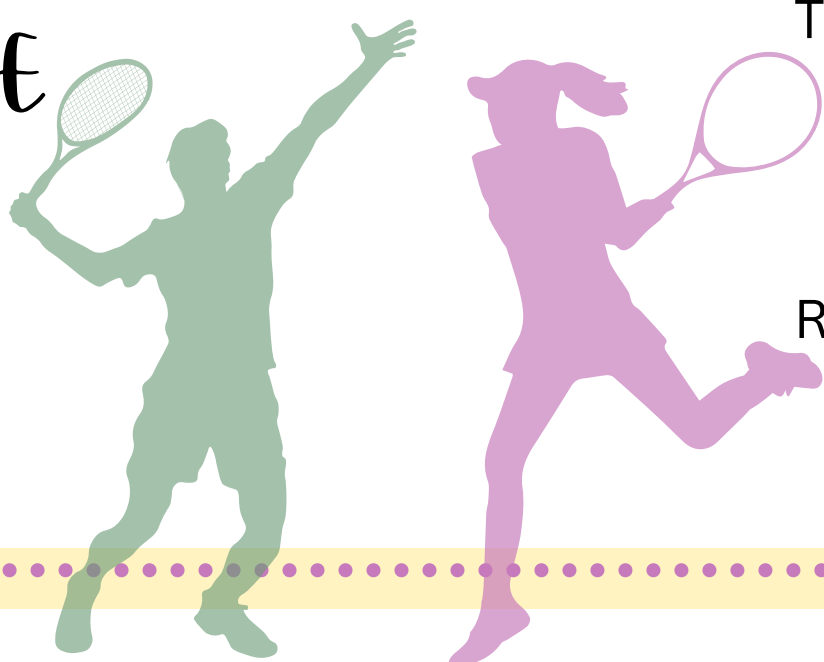
In art lessons, we will focus on shape, colour, and pattern. We will look closely at the work of the famous artist Henri Matisse, who is known for using bold colours and simple cut-out shapes in his artwork.

Forest School

This term the children will be learning about the signs of spring. We will be looking at birds, planting seeds and noticing how our spring bulbs have changed since planting them in autumn.

We will be discussing about how nature changes through winter to spring.

PE



This term in P.E., the children will be developing their tennis skills by learning how to hold a racket correctly, practise a range of shots, and understand the basic rules of the game, including how to referee a match to promote teamwork and fair play.

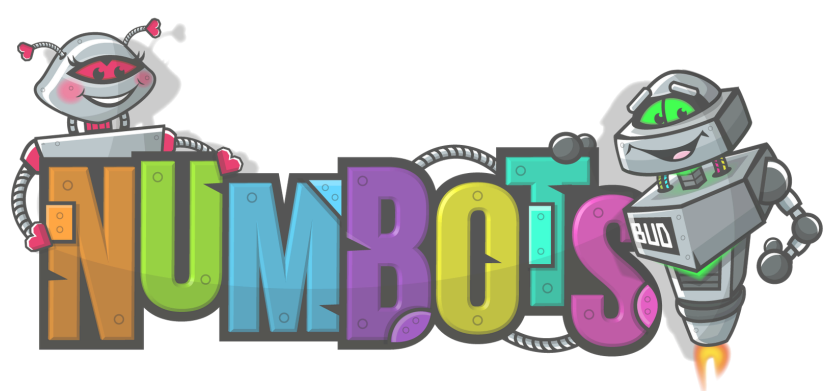
Reception will focus on kicking, throwing, and hitting projectiles through fun, age-appropriate activities, while also practising safe equipment retrieval and cooperative play. Across all lessons, children will build coordination, balance, confidence, and important teamwork skills.

Homework Expectations!

Please read daily with your child using their home reading book, record this in their reading record, and return it to school each Friday to be changed. Continue using the red and green word bookmarks to support fluent reading.



Children should also use Letter-join, our school handwriting programme, to practise writing skills, and Numbots to build confidence with numbers within 10 through fun addition and subtraction activities.



PE & Forest School



London

PE Days - Monday & Thursday
Forest School - Every Other Wednesday -
W/C 12th January

Edinburgh

PE Days - Tuesday & Wednesday
Forest School - Every Other Thursday -
W/C 12th January

Cardiff

PE Days - Tuesday & Wednesday
Forest School - Every Other Monday -
W/C 19th January

