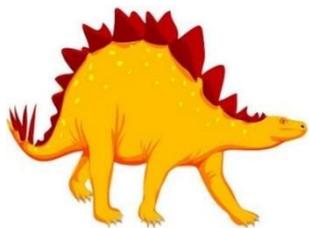




Learning Experience:

**WALKING WITH
DINOSAURS**



Term: Spring term 2020 Duration: 6 weeks

Hook

This experience will start with viewing the BBC clip from Planet Dinosaur: 'Dinosaur eyes, teeth, claws'

Rationale

Our journey of discovery for this half term is Walking with Dinosaurs. What is a dinosaur? How do we know about dinosaurs? Why are there no dinosaurs nowadays? We would like our learners to become dinosaur experts who can answer these and other questions and act as knowledgeable curators in our dinosaur museum. In order to do this, the children are going to research information to find out all they can about different dinosaurs, their features, habitats and whether they were carnivores, herbivores or omnivores and they will create their own dinosaur fact-files. The children will also sketch and paint dinosaurs and create 3D clay sculptures. This learning experience will build on work in Reception where the children described various dinosaurs through learning different raps and will prepare them for their learning about rocks and fossils in Year 3. It will also help the children develop a knowledge of the Jurassic coast of which Dorset forms a large part.

Curriculum Coverage

English

Information texts/fact-files
Writing descriptions/stories
Poems on a theme - riddles

Science/Computing

Animals - identify, name and describe the structure of reptiles/ dinosaurs & group as carnivores, herbivores & omnivores

History/Art

How do we know about dinosaurs? Mary Anning and the Jurassic coast
Sketching and painting
3D sculptures and collage

Continuous Coverage

Mathematics

Maths No Problem:
Chapter 7 Addition & Subtraction
Chapter 8 Shapes and Patterns
Chapter 9 Length and Height

PE

Gymnastics:
Games: Ball skills/sending and receiving

Phonics

Phase 5: Alternative pronunciations for graphemes: c, g, u, ow, ie, ea, er, ch, a, y

Outcome:

Dinosaur Museum Exhibition - Parents will be invited in to visit and explore our exhibition

Vocabulary:

Dinosaur, fossil, bone, length, height, weight, diet, habitat, extinct, carnivore, herbivore, omnivore

Values - Merley Learners - HeartSmart

Ambition - encouraging the children to have high expectations of themselves and others.
Don't forget to let love in!

Parents, how can you help?

Please continue to read on a daily basis, practise reading and spelling words on their wordlists and encourage pencil grip and letter formation. It would be helpful to talk to your child about dinosaurs and help them use books and the computer to find, read and understand information about the various types so they can describe the features, habitats and diets of different dinosaurs.