



**Dallington CEP
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Woods Corner Class



**Autumn 2024
Years 1 and 2**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the new school year in Woods Corner class!

I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and a well earned rest. The children have quickly settled into Woods Corner class and the school routines.

We are looking forward to a great year together and we will work hard to ensure every child has a fun, motivating and successful year.

Our topic until the Christmas break is DINOSAURS.

Explorers is the whole school topic.

During this term, the children will be learning about the life of Dinosaurs through art, drama, English, history, geography and science.

Things to remember:

- **Mrs Allcorn teacher Monday—Thursday and Mrs Dipple teaches Friday.**
- **Mrs Lane is our class TA and supports learning everyday**
- **Please read everyday**
- **Come to school in their PE kit on a Thursday**
- **Tuck Shop is every Tuesday and Thursday. Your child will be able to buy one item eg mini cheddars, rice cake, fruit bar. 40p will be more than enough to cover the cost.**
- **Named water bottle in school every day**
- **Your child can change their reading book when they read it confidently at home or school. Please do not change your child's reading box without discussing it with Mrs Allcorn or Mrs Dipple first.**

Should you have any worries, questions or concerns, please feel free to come and see us so that we can address it straight away.

Children are expected to read at home every night and discuss what they have read with an adult. This doesn't have to be their School reading book as this can become quite dull! Please take opportunities across the week to read different genres of books to expand their knowledge of different text types and authors. It is essential that your child fully understands the text they are reading and becomes familiar with new vocabulary.

Please also try and read to your child as often as possible as this helps to develop their vocabulary, understanding of different stories, text types and helps to instil a love of reading. This is vital for children to progress across the whole curriculum.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mrs Allcorn, Mrs Dipple and Mrs Lane.

English

We will be developing our understanding of how to write recounts, stories and poetry this term.

We will be writing different styles of recounts all linked to our learning about Dinosaurs. This will develop our understanding of how to write about real life events in interesting ways.

To foster a love of reading we will have a feature author and finish everyday with the next part of the class chapter book; this has proven to be a well-loved part of the school day.

Our story writing will be linked to quality texts and well known stories. We will be using the story to develop our vocabulary, familiarise ourselves with story structure and learn new sentence types to make our own writing exciting before writing our own versions of the story.

Daily phonics work will continue regularly in groups and will support writing in other areas of the curriculum. We will have regular Guided Reading sessions and children will read at least once a week 1-1 with an adult.

Our handwriting and presentation will be an area of focus, we are especially looking at forming our letters correctly. Please encourage your child to think about this when doing their home-work.

Mathematics

At Dallington, I find children love their Maths learning and I feel this is due to teaching the Maths Mastery approach. The small chunks of learning in each lesson makes every child a successful learner and systematically builds on their knowledge.

We will begin by looking at the number system, focusing on place value, adding and subtracting. We will focus on number bonds and key number facts to secure the children's understanding with daily rote counting and recall of addition number facts within 10+10.

Throughout the term we will look at money and link our number knowledge to this important life skill.

We will have a weekly reasoning task where the children will use known mathematical concepts in real-life scenarios.

Science

This term we are learning about the human body and the importance of healthy living, alongside the basic needs of animals and humans. Their learning will link with how Dinosaurs lived. We will also investigate how animals have off-spring which grow into adults.

We will be keeping a daily weather chart and record seasonal changes across the year.

History

We will start with 'The History of Me' and then find out about the history of Dallington village.

Next we will explore the life of dinosaurs by asking the children 'What do you know about dinosaurs and what do you want to find out?' We will then investigate to find the answers.

D.T.

As part of their Continuous Provision in the afternoons they will have access to a range of resources so they can complete D.T. tasks independently.

The children will be exploring and using mechanisms, for example, levers, sliders, wheels and axles, to make a moveable spacecraft. They will be developing a range of skills, such as, careful folding, accurate cutting and precise measuring when creating their dinosaur den or dinosaur catcher!

PE

We are lucky to have Nicki continue to teach PE every Thursday. The lessons are always fun, interactive and develop key skills through activities and games. Developing children's confidence and their ability to be an active team member.

PLEASE CAN YOUR CHILD COME DRESSED IN THEIR PE KIT EVERY THURSDAY. THEY WILL STAY IN THEIR PE KIT ALL DAY.

Music

In our music lessons this term we are learning a fun song which we will use to explore and develop our understanding of rhythm and pitch using percussion instruments.

After half term we will listen to some of the carnival of the animals by Saint-Saens and consider the musical choices he made. We will then develop our own compositions inspired by bird song.

Computing

Across the term children will have the opportunity to work with a range of technology and explore how they work. They will develop understanding in e-safety, using a computer for specific activities, i.e. saving and editing a word document and develop their independent computer skills. As well as weekly ipad time for phonic and

PSHE

The children will be encouraged to have a growth mind-set throughout the school day, celebrating achievements and setting goals. There will be an emphasis on it is ok to make mistakes and how we can learn from them. We will also have weekly Circle Time sessions to express their opinions, feel heard and valued. We will be learning how to communicate our feelings and recognise how others show their feelings.

RE

We will begin the year by asking the question 'What do Christians believe God is like?' which we will explore through bible stories. We will go on to ask 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?' and explore the story of the nativity.

Homework

Daily Reading it will have such an enormous impact on your child's learning in so many areas of the curriculum— reading, writing, creativity, topic work; the list is endless. Also their confidence in themselves as learners will soar.

Gardening

We are grateful to the volunteers who come in to take groups of children gardening.

Please can you ensure your child has wellingtons in school so we can use our gardening and woodland area as much as possible.

Reading Books

Our aim is to encourage a love of books and reading for enjoyment and information.

Please write a comment in your child's reading record each time they've read at home.

Once the children have read their reading book with confidence, please can you encourage them to choose another book from their coloured reading box.