

**Theme**

We are doing science for the first two weeks, “How do fossils form?” We will be looking at types of rocks and fossil formation. History covers the Stone Age to the Iron Age. In design technology, we will be constructing a moving toy based on *Jurassic World*. If your child can begin to bring in any modelling materials (old cereal boxes, egg cartons, plastic packaging etc.) this will be helpful when we come to our practical activity for design technology, in week 6.

**Maths**

Maths is focussing on shape, measurement, addition/subtraction and multiplication/division. If you can encourage your child to consolidate the three times table and practise the four times table, this will support their learning throughout the half term.

**Extra Activities:** Perhaps the children can go on an *angle hunt* around the house, identifying whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle? Alternatively, you could concoct your own fruit smoothie using different volumes of juice, in preparation for capacity (l/ml) in week 3.

**Learn Its:** 4-x table.

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! We welcome Miss Dungate to Elder Class and we are both looking forward to getting started this week!

We thought you might appreciate an outline of the curriculum/key points for next half term, to keep you updated and to encourage any small links between school life and home learning.

**English**

Our theme is Jurassic World, which we introduced to the children last half term, with a collection of dinosaur-themed books and toys! In English, our two topics (wishing tales and non-chronological reports) are all linked to the theme, whether that be writing a story set in the Jurassic period or studying examples of extreme weather, in order to write our own newspaper reports.

Finally, we have Maths Enrichment Day to look forward to on Tuesday 29th January! The day will focus our learning on calculation but there will be more information to follow, in due course. Please come along for our *P*arent Share session, at 9am, to see what the children have been getting up to!

We very much look forward to an exciting and successful half term,

Kind wishes, Miss Roberts and Miss Dungate

Last term, I sent home bookmarks to help you ask relevant questions about your child's reading book, as we are working hard to boost the children's comprehension skills. Please continue to try to find the time to listen to your child read, even for 10 minutes, daily, using the bookmark prompts for ideas. I will be commenting in the children's reading diaries half-termly, so please ensure you are keeping short records, whenever you hear them read: Monday; Team 1

Tuesday; Team 2 and 3

Wednesday; Team 4 and 5

**PE**

PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, so please can all children have their PE kits in school for then. It is fine to leave them at school and to take them home for a half-term wash.

**Elder Class**

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