



Dinosaurs

The Orchard Centre – Autumn 2 – 2021



What's it all about?

In this unit we will be using Dinosaurs to engage the children in a variety of learning activities including writing, Geography and Art.

Writers: We will be writing a range of texts based around Dinosaurs. We are going to be using the story of Katie and the Dinosaurs, The Christmasaurus and The Girl and the Dinosaur.

Phonics and Spelling: We will continue to work in our groups. We will also be practising to spell our common exception words, that are too tricky to sound out. Some of the children are also working on their punctuation and grammar, as well as comprehension.

Readers: We try to read with the children daily and ask a parent or carer to sign their reading record book at least once a week. We have been also working on building our comprehension skills in small groups.

Geographers and Historians: We will be learning about where in the world dinosaurs used to roam and what it was like millions of years ago. We will be looking at how fossils are formed and use this to inspire our Artwork too. We will continue to receive our post-cards from Paddington and the different countries that he visits and the adventures he has been on!

Mathematicians: The Maths topics for this half term are;

Group 1: Shape & Place Value within 20

Group 2: Money, Multiplication & Division

Afternoon classes: In the children's afternoon classes the children will be taking part in learning around their Year group topics. This includes Science, Geography, PE, History and Art activities.

Year 3 - Treasure

Year 5 - World War I

Year 4 - Volcanoes

Year 6 - Antarctica

Horse riding: The children will attend for a whole half term in groups of five. You will receive a letter when it is your child's turn to go horse-riding.

As well as all of the above, we continue to fit other activities into our daily timetable. These activities include, handwriting, memory games, life skills, social skills, OT and PSHE. Our value of the half term is Cooperation.