

# Dunstall Hill Primary School

## EYFS Curriculum Overview – Spring Term 1

### Literacy



This half term your child will begin to write for different purposes. We will be making cards and writing letters and lists. We will begin to focus on key texts, encouraging children to join in repeated words and phrases and understand that print has a meaning which can be used for different purposes. We will be continuing to work on our talk for writing books, look out for these in your child's bag and practise these at home.



Diary Dates:  
 Martin Luther King Day 15<sup>th</sup> January  
 World Religion Day 16<sup>th</sup> January  
 National handwriting day 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
 Burns Night 25<sup>th</sup> January  
 National Storytelling Week 29-5<sup>th</sup> February  
 Number day 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
 Children's mental health week 5-11<sup>th</sup> February  
 Safer internet day 7<sup>th</sup> February  
 Chinese New Year 10<sup>th</sup> February



### Communication

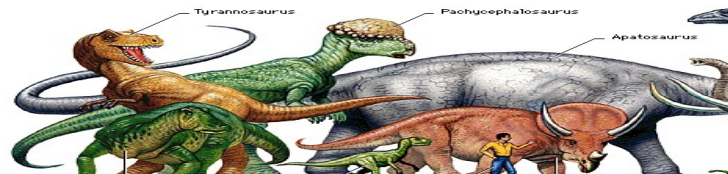
We will begin to describe different objects within the environment and categorise these based on their properties.

We will be encouraging your child to use 'I like...' statements in their talk. We will also be learning to use and understand new vocabulary such as, dinosaurs, fossils and palaeontologist.



### Physical Development

We will be focusing on our climbing skills by using steps and climbing apparatus and working on our riding skills using bikes, trikes, and scooters. We will also be encouraging your child to be more independent by using the toilet and fastening buttons and zips themselves. The children will begin to take part in weekly PE sessions, so please look out for the door notice displaying the PE day and please don't forget your PE kit.



Our Topic this half term is:  
 'Dinosaurs.'

We will be introducing the children to early chronological conceptual understanding and learn about will learn about two specific dinosaurs: the Tyrannosaurus Rex and the Stegosaurus. Children will explore fossils and will understand that fossils give palaeontologists clues about what life was like a long time ago.

### Understanding the World

We will be looking at our world and exploring the similarities and differences between countries and sharing our own experiences with others. We will continue to explore in the forest school area, focusing on how to take care of living things such as plants and animals. We will also focus on the different habitats which dinosaurs lived in such as water, air, and land. We will begin to create a timeline of when dinosaurs lived and begin to look at fossils.



### Mathematics

We will be focusing on recognising and talking about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will be using these shapes to build models, make pictures and combining them to make new shapes. Children will explore the concept of creating patterns using dinosaurs as their focus and look at a range of different sized footprints and how we can measure these.



### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be continuing to work on following the rules, without being reminded and understand why these are important. We will also learn to play group games, making sure all our friends are welcome to join in, in addition to identifying and appreciating our similarities and differences.



### Expressive Art and Design

This half term your child will be learning to mix colours to make new ones and experimenting how to change the shade. We will also begin to role play stories that we know well using puppets to support. We will also be creating our own dinosaurs using a range of materials.

