

# TWYFORD ST MARY'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Sycamore Class Weekly Newsletter

**Week beginning: 15th July 2024**  
**Our topic is: 'Pioneering Palaeologists'**

I think we are all recovering from last week—it was incredibly busy but so much fun!

I hope you all enjoyed Buggy Malone and Sycamore's brilliant dance. Thank you all for showing your support and for providing the children with their costumes. The children also had a fantastic time at the dinosaur workshop on Monday. They got the chance to dig and discover a number of fossils and identify them. They also learnt lots of fascinating facts from the workshop leader before meeting two very special baby dinosaurs!

This is the last full week of the year but we are still as busy as ever. On Tuesday the children will be making dinosaur pictures using wire. This will be led by a tutor from Southampton Art Gallery. Thank you all for those who have volunteered to help and for you all for contributing to the cost of this workshop.

Best wishes

Ms White and Mrs Lawrence

### Our Curriculum this week:



#### Core Subjects



In maths, the children will solving a number of problems using the skills have have acquired and developed during the course of the year.

In science, the children will continue to learn about fossils. They will learn about the process involved in the creation of fossils and then they will make their own.

In English, the children will begin a unit on persuasive letter writing. They will begin the week by identifying the features of a persuasive letter and then plan their own letter which will be based on our class book, Krindlekrax.

#### Foundation Subjects

RE—The children build on their knowledge on Pentecost and explore the concept on looking forward and link this to their own lives.

Geography—The children will start comparing their local area with other locations in different continents.

PE - There will be a PE sessions on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Spellings—We will continue with these spellings for the remainder of the week:

#### Group 1— homophones and conjunctions

Night

Knight

Blue

Blew

Hole

Whole

Because

#### Group 2— words families with root words 'press' and 'vent'

Suppress

Express

Compress

Venture

Adventure

Eventful

#### Group 3— adding prefix 'ex'

Exit

Extend

Explode

Excursion

Exchange

Export

Exclaim

#### How you can help at home...



- Please continue to encourage children to read at least three times a week. This year's summer reading challenge at Winchester library starts on 13th July.
- Please continue to support your children to learn their times tables.

## Sycamore Home Learning: Summer 2

Please complete the tasks from the tic-tac-toe grid **over this half term**. The reading task is a **MUST DO** job. Home learning is to be submitted via admin office email or handed directly to Ms White or Mrs Lawrence and will be celebrated in class at the end of the day.

### Year 3 to complete 3 tasks, Year 4 to complete 4.

Please complete the tasks from the tic-tac-toe grid **over this half term**. The reading task is a **MUST DO** job.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mary Anning</b></p> <p>Mary Anning was a famous fossil hunter who lived in Dorset. Spend some time researching her life and make a fact file all about her and her discoveries.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Olympics</b></p> <p>The Paris Olympics are fast approaching. Visit <a href="https://olympics.com/en/sports/">https://olympics.com/en/sports/</a> to view all of the different sports which will feature in this incredible sporting event.</p> <p>Pick a sport which you are unfamiliar with and research its rules. Create a poster or leaflet detailing how to play it.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Healthy Eating</b></p> <p>During this half term, you'll be making your own healthy eating snack as part of our D&amp;T project. At home, search for a recipe which includes all five of the fruit and vegetables you'd need in a day. Follow the instructions to make it and enjoy all the healthy goodness. Copy and illustrate the recipe to encourage others to make it too.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Old Twyford</b></p> <p>As part of our geography learning, we'll be exploring old photographs of Twyford and learning about how the village has changed. Go for a walk around the village and see if you can spot any historical landmarks. Make a map of the village and mark these historical sites on it.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Must do reading job:</u></b></p> <p>We are reading a book called Krindlekrax this half term. After listening to the story in class, design a front cover for the book and a blurb for the back cover to encourage others to read it.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dinosaur models</b></p> <p>Using scrap modelling materials, make a 3D dinosaur model. Consider how to decorate it so it includes key features of your chosen species.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Making Your Own Fossil</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/presenters-making-a-fossil">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/presenters-making-a-fossil</a></p> <p>Follow the above link to find a set of instructions to make your own replica fossils. Experiment and see what different dinosaur body parts you could create</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Times Table Game</b></p> <p>Pick a times table which you find the trickiest or haven't started to learn yet and create a board game which will help you to practise it.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Your Own Dinosaur Discovery</b></p> <p>Imagine that you are a palaeontologist and you have discovered a new species of dinosaur. Draw a picture of what you imagine the dino would look like and make up its own special name. State when it lived, where it lived, its size and its diet.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Apatosaurus</b></p> <p>Length: 21m Height: 5m Weight: 16,000kg Diet: plants <b>Fascinating Fact:</b> Apatosaurus' had long whip-like tails that helped to balance their long necks.</p> 

**Please don't forget to take time to read to someone at home and practise your times tables (you could use Times Tables Rock Stars!)**