



Owls' Class Newsletter- Term 3

Happy New Year!

Welcome back, we hope that you all had a restful and healthy Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the cards, gifts and best wishes you gave to us at the end of last term. It was incredibly kind of you and very much appreciated by us all. You may have noticed a new face in the team, Miss Lupson has joined us as an additional teaching assistant to provide additional support within the class. The children have helped to make her feel very welcome.

Best wishes,

Miss Holness, Mrs Branton, Mrs Wiffen & Miss Lupson

PE

PE lessons will continue to take place every Tuesday afternoon and will continue to be taught by Mr Packer.

Please make sure that a full PE kit is in school ready for these sessions, please note that wherever possible these sessions will take place outside so your child will need a tracksuit.

Cool Milk!

If your child is now 5 they are no longer entitled to free school milk. If they still want to have a carton of milk at playtime, you need to pay for this via the Cool Milk website. You will receive an email following their birthday with a link to the website.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th January- Fire Safety Talk
Wednesday 19th January- Vision and NCMP Check, School Nurse
Friday 11th February- Last day of term

Fancy a Challenge?

Why not try some of these activities to support your learning this term?

Topic

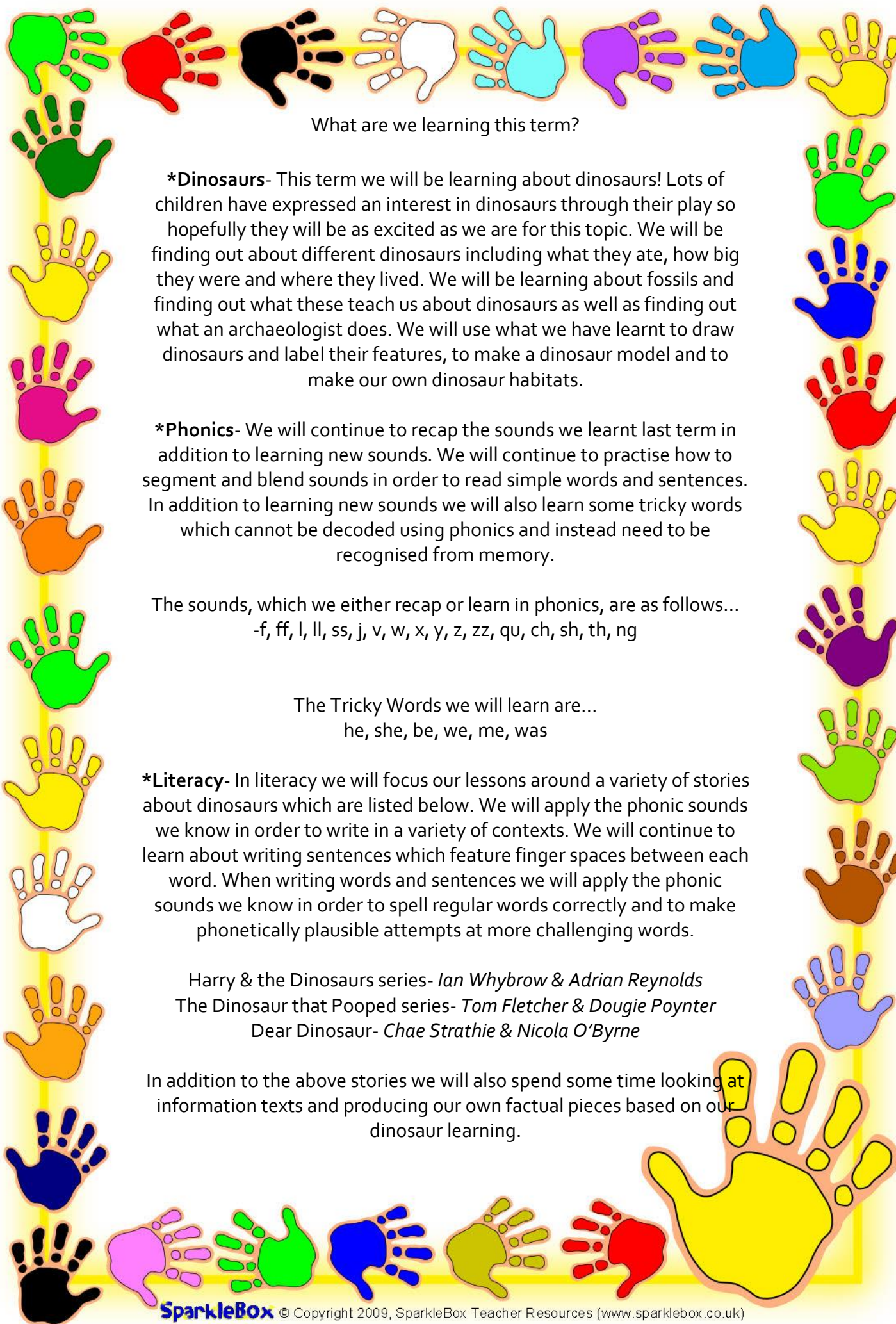
- Find out the names of different dinosaurs, some have very tricky names. Can you say them correctly?
- Learn three facts about a dinosaur of your choice
- Design your own dinosaur using different features of dinosaurs you know about

Literacy

- Practise writing a sentence; don't forget to leave a space in-between each word.
- Look at an information book about Dinosaurs. Are information books different to stories?
- Play 'Tell a T-Rex'. You can find this game in the literacy section of www.ictgames.co.uk

Maths

- Find things which are bigger or smaller than you are.
- Have a go at working out the answer to some addition number sentences. Don't forget that you can use objects for each number in the number sentence.
- Look at different coins and try to find out how much each one is worth.



What are we learning this term?

***Dinosaurs-** This term we will be learning about dinosaurs! Lots of children have expressed an interest in dinosaurs through their play so hopefully they will be as excited as we are for this topic. We will be finding out about different dinosaurs including what they ate, how big they were and where they lived. We will be learning about fossils and finding out what these teach us about dinosaurs as well as finding out what an archaeologist does. We will use what we have learnt to draw dinosaurs and label their features, to make a dinosaur model and to make our own dinosaur habitats.

***Phonics-** We will continue to recap the sounds we learnt last term in addition to learning new sounds. We will continue to practise how to segment and blend sounds in order to read simple words and sentences. In addition to learning new sounds we will also learn some tricky words which cannot be decoded using phonics and instead need to be recognised from memory.


The sounds, which we either recap or learn in phonics, are as follows...
-f, ff, l, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng

The Tricky Words we will learn are...
he, she, be, we, me, was

***Literacy-** In literacy we will focus our lessons around a variety of stories about dinosaurs which are listed below. We will apply the phonic sounds we know in order to write in a variety of contexts. We will continue to learn about writing sentences which feature finger spaces between each word. When writing words and sentences we will apply the phonic sounds we know in order to spell regular words correctly and to make phonetically plausible attempts at more challenging words.

Harry & the Dinosaurs series- *Ian Whybrow & Adrian Reynolds*
The Dinosaur that Pooped series- *Tom Fletcher & Dougie Poynter*
Dear Dinosaur- *Chae Strathie & Nicola O'Byrne*

In addition to the above stories we will also spend some time looking at information texts and producing our own factual pieces based on our dinosaur learning.



***Maths-** This term we will continue to work on our ability to count a group of objects but progressing to counting up to 20 objects. We will also continue to try and write numbers correctly particularly those tricky 2 digit numbers. We will build on our understanding of what is meant by 'more than' by saying what is 1 more than a given number. Later in the term this will be extended to finding out what is meant by 'less than'. Our understanding of 'less than' will support us when we learn about subtraction. We will continue learning about shapes and will begin to find out about 3D shapes. We will also be learning about money and will be giving a total amount of money by counting a group of 1p coins.