

# Class Reception

*The Bliss Charity School*



## Term 3



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year! We hope the Christmas break gave you lots of fun family time but also an opportunity to relax and be ready for a New Year and new term!

Hopefully, your child will settle back into school without any concerns now that they have been attending school since September. The children have been very mature coming into school and they have a good understanding of what is expected in and around the classroom.

We will continue to use *Tapestry* to monitor and record your child's learning. It has been lovely to see some of you sharing your child's achievements and experiences from home using *Tapestry*. Please continue to do this as it supports our knowledge of your child's needs, abilities and understanding.

I am very excited to start our new topic Dinosaurs! This has always proven to be a popular topic and I know I already have some budding paleontologists in the classroom. Even if your child has not shown an interest in these creatures before now, they will definitely be able to explain facts and a love of a specific dinosaur as we move through this topic.

*Mrs. Caller*



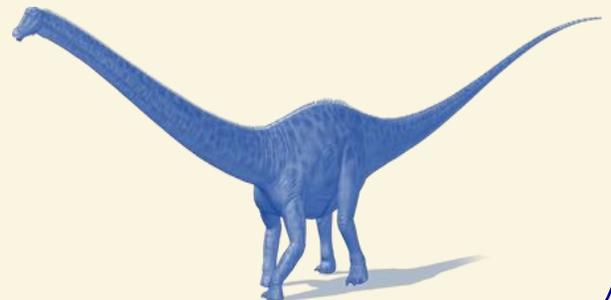
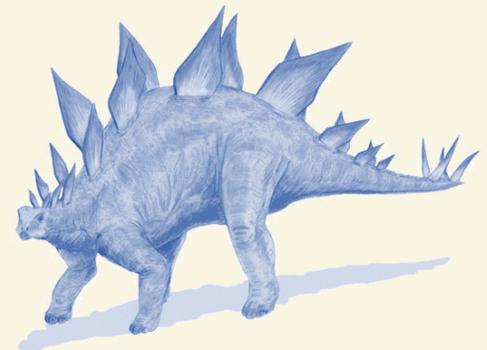
## Term 3 Topic: *Dinosaurs!*



Our new topic will be embedded within our classroom and, where possible and relevant, each area of the Early Years curriculum will have a dinosaur theme.

The children will be using technology and different books to find out facts about dinosaurs. We will also use a range of measures to investigate dinosaurs, looking at size and weight and giving the children the opportunity to develop their ability to identify numerals up to and beyond 10.

The children will also continue their love of being outdoors by creating 'dino hides' together, hopefully demonstrating their collaboration and social skills. We also have a very exciting end to our topic with a *roarsome* visitor coming to Class R!



## Helping your child at home ...

- Thank you for supporting our 'Well Done' celebration board. This is a great opportunity for your child to proudly share something they have achieved at home. Please continue with these, we never tire of the children sharing these with us and their peers.
- Please also continue the fantastic start made with sharing books together. We encourage the children to change these books daily during 'Busy Learning' time. Please remind your child to change their books as we actively encourage children to develop the skill of independence and this is a little way to help support this. **When you work with your child on their reading sheets or reading book please record this in their reading record as this really helps us to see how your child is getting on at home.**
- We have now taught the children all of the Set 1 sounds. Please see the reading information on our class webpage to check which sounds these are. The focus now is to use these sounds to create and read words. Please practise the reading sheets with your child **daily** to support their reading skills. Towards the end of this term, we will start to introduce Set 2 sounds and I will let you know which sounds we are focusing on.
- *Kinetic Letters* practice will continue to come home as we carry on learning all of the family shapes. To start the term, we will be focusing on the 'slider' family, then move onto the 'fisher' family. When we move onto Set 2 reading sounds, the homework will be in a different format, incorporating both sounds and letter formation. Please continue to support your child at home with their homework and ensure it comes back into school.
- In addition to learning new sounds and letter shapes, please regularly share the 'Red Word Turtle' with your child. The children have been taught *I, no, the, my, said, you, your* and *be* so far. We teach the children how to read AND write these words. Again, please practise these with your children regularly.
- Identifying numerals at home and in other environments – such as the supermarket and on village walks – will also help your child consolidate their learning.

## Class Reception information ...

- PE will continue to be on a Monday and Wednesday. We will continue going outside for at least one of these sessions so please ensure your child has suitable clothing and footwear for colder conditions.
- **Thursday** is outdoor classroom day so please send your child in clothing suitable for the outdoors. Long jeans, joggers or leggings are suitable. The children do not need to come to school in school uniform on this day.
- Due to the children's ages and development, if you feel the need to supply your child with spare underwear etc. please put this into your child's bag.
- If your child requires any medication, please give this to the office. Any asthma inhalers can be given to myself.
- Please remember to select and order your child's hot dinners.
- Please keep us informed regarding contact details for your child, including collection arrangements. This can either be done through the office or via the Class Reception staff.
- Any communication that we have for you will be put into your child's book bag. Likewise, if there is anything you have for us, please put it in the book bag as we check these on a daily basis.
- Please feel free to catch me at the beginning or end of the day if you have any questions or you can email me at [s.caller@bliss.northants.sch.uk](mailto:s.caller@bliss.northants.sch.uk).