#### Dear Parents,

We wish you a Happy New Year! We hope you've had a fantastic break. We would like to inform you of what we are doing in Reception Class this half term (Spring 1). Our main theme is 'Dinosaurs'. We will be using dinosaurs to support children's learning throughout the half term. We will also be following the children's interests when planning our learning this half term. Please find below what each area of our learning will be focussing on.

#### Communication and Language

Listen and respond to ideas expressed by others in discussions.

Use talk to sequence ideas and events.

#### Maths

Compare items by length and height.

Estimation

Continue securing number knowledge to 20.

Find the total of two groups by counting them together.

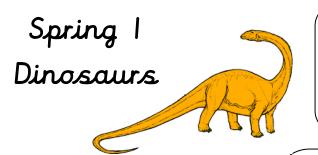
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## Literacy

We will continue learning 2 tricky words a week and use these in sentences.

Listening to sounds in words and beginning to write these in order. We will attempt to write short sentences.

Writing for different purposes, such as fact file pages, speech bubbles, labels.



### Personal, Social and Emotional

SEAL focus—Going for Goals

Working cooperatively in a group

Finding a compromise in play when needed.

#### **Other News**

We are very excited about introducing children to guided reading this term. We will also be sending home reading books.

PE and library visits will remain on the same days.

RG will have a visit from Teddy Bears Hospital. (RS will have theirs next term.) We will let you know about this closer to the time.

## Physical Development

In PE we will focus on moving like dinosaurs

Experimenting with different ways of moving

Static Balance

Playdough and mats

# **Understanding the World**

Using computers to find information

Chinese new year

Fossils

Stories Jesus told

## **Expressive arts and design**

Role play corner—

Dinosaur den

Exploring tempo in music

**Explorers** 

Fossil making

The Dinosaur Stomp—song and dance