



Dear Parents/Carers,

25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

This half term we will start our new topic of 'Dinosaur Roar!' We will also be learning about the changing seasons as we move into Spring and of course Easter time, towards the end of this half term. We are looking forward to some warmer weather and lighter days. There will be an overview of the planning for this topic on the school website in Class 1's page. We will introduce the children to lots of books and stories, both fiction and non-fiction, to enrich their language and communication skills. If you have any books related to the topic then please share them at home with your child and encourage your child to bring them into school to share with us.

P.E. will continue to take place on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Carlisle United will continue Wednesday afternoons to teach Class 1 and 2 children various games skills. Your child can still come into school wearing their P.E clothes for these days however do ensure that your child is wearing the expected school P.E. clothing which is: a school sweatshirt, a plain t-shirt in their school team colour or a plain white, navy or black t-shirt, navy or black shorts (or leggings/joggers) and a pair of trainers with velcro fastenings which are more secure on your child's feet. As with all other school uniform, **P.E. kits must be clearly named**. We have noticed that some of the children's clothing is unnamed, and this can be quite stressful for your child when they are unable to find their own belongings.

Please can you ensure that your child has a waterproof coat and a pair of Wellington boots in school. These can be left on their pegs so the children can use them when needed. We do have access to outdoor play daily and this is an essential part of the Foundation Stage Curriculum.

## Reading and Homework

### **Reception children:**

Your child participates in a phonics programme daily. Please continue to practise the letter sounds and other 'tricky' words we send home with your child's reading books. Reading books will be changed twice a week. Please bring reading books into school each day. Re-reading of some books should be encouraged to help develop familiarity and confidence. Please feel free to comment on your child's progress and their interest in the books they have read in the blue reading record book. Your child will bring home reading books that are highly decodable, which gives them the opportunity to practise and use their phonic skills with you at home.

The Nursery children also participate in a daily phonics session (phase 1) to develop their listening, speaking and communication skills. Both reception and nursery children will continue to choose their own library books to share at home. Please do read other story books at home to your child to develop their understanding of language and to extend their vocabulary and the meaning of new words and of course to develop their love of books and reading! It will be World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, so we are looking forward to celebrating this together. There will be more information coming to you soon about this.

As always, please do contact us if you have any questions or concerns. The best way to contact us is via email or by phoning the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We will always see you in the mornings and after school at the school gate if you need to discuss anything with us.

Yours sincerely

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