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## Welcome to class 2!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school everyone and a very big welcome to year 1 and 2! I hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are looking forward to the new school year. We are so excited to see you all and are ready to learn lots of new exciting things!

In class 2 we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and making even more friends! This half term our topic is Dinosaur Planet. We have lots of exciting things planned and more information will follow. We will be enjoying exploring and learning lots about dinosaurs! Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary. Homework and spelling lists will be given out on a Monday. We expect these back in school for a Friday morning. Planners will be given out to your child this week. Please return these daily.

We will also begin our daily phonics lessons, which is a continuation of work from reception and year 1. Further communication will follow.

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the course of the year. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks

Rebecca Aspinall

# Dinosaur Planet



Stomp, crash, roar! Watch out – there are dinosaurs about! Yes, that's right, we're travelling back in time to the age of the dinosaurs.

This half term, we'll visit a museum, look closely at ancient fossils and study reptiles to understand how dinosaurs may have lived and eventually died out. We'll learn about the great fossil hunter, Mary Anning, and follow in her footsteps, studying dinosaur teeth and bones to find out what dinosaurs liked to eat. Learning dinosaur names, creating puzzling riddles, writing fantastic fact files and creating exciting dinosaur stories are some of the other activities we'll be involved in this half term. We'll also use our artistic skills to make model dinosaurs and to design dinosaur landscapes.

At the end of our project, we'll invite you to a dinosaur party to share our knowledge with you. We'll invent some dinosaur games to play and entertain you with our wonderful dinosaur music.

<b>ILP focus</b>	<b>History</b>
<b>English</b>	Fact files, poetry and riddles, non-chronological reports, stories
<b>History</b>	Events beyond living memory, Mary Anning
<b>Art &amp; design</b>	Large and small-scale modelling
<b>Computing</b>	Programming a floor robot, stop-motion animation
<b>D&amp;T</b>	Designing and making
<b>Geography</b>	Locating continents and oceans
<b>Mathematics</b>	Measurement
<b>Music</b>	Percussion
<b>PE</b>	Dance, games
<b>Science</b>	Plants and animals

## Help your child prepare for their project

Dinosaurs are fascinating! Why not visit the library, choose some dinosaur books and practise reading and writing dinosaur names together? Alternatively, research amazing dinosaur facts together online. You could also make a mini Jurassic Park from cardboard boxes and craft materials to make model dinosaurs feel at home!