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Welcome to class 2!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school everyone and a very big welcome to class 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 and exciting things!

Our first topic of the year is Dinosaur Planet, where we will travel back in time to the age of the dinosaurs. We will be visiting a museum and taking part in a dinosaur workshop, look closely at ancient fossils and look at how dinosaurs may have lived. Letters will follow about our engagement and celebration of this topic so keep an eye out.

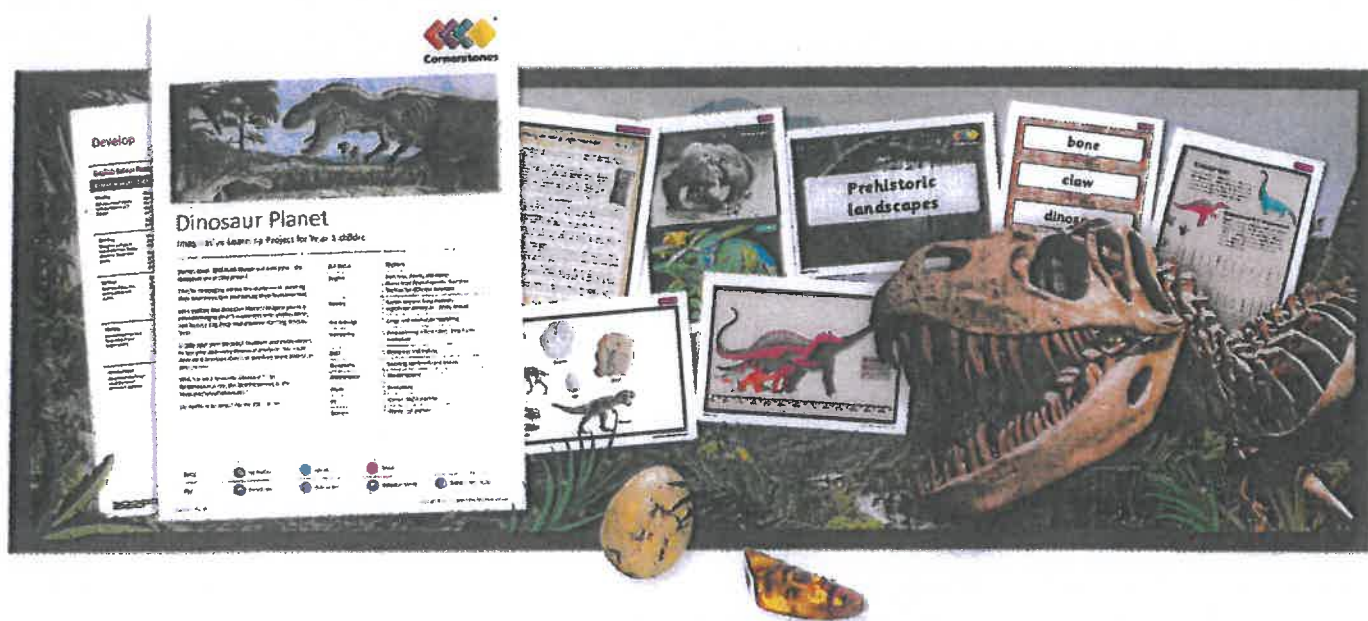
Just some important diary dates:

- Homework and spellings – these will be given out on a Monday in your green homework book. We expect these to be complete and back in school for a Friday morning.
- Reading - We will be assessing your child to see which phonics group they will be going in to. Once all assessments are complete, we will begin to send out reading books that link to the phonics/reading level your child is working at in school and these will be changed on a Friday. It is important that the children are reading at home, as well as twice a week in school. Could you please read with your child at home, once a week, and record this in their planners, so that we can fill our reading display and earn some nice treats throughout the year! Your child will also receive a library book that they can choose themselves to read at home for pleasure, this will be changed every Monday.
- PE kits – Please send in a PE kit on a Monday morning and leave it at school throughout the week, we will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days this half term are Tuesday and Wednesday, however, we often have events in school that require PE kits, so it is important to still ensure children have their kits every day.
- Forest School – We will be starting our Forest School sessions, once all the children are back in and settled into their new year group. A letter will be sent out prior to these sessions starting, with more information about what your child needs to bring.

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
Miss Grimes.

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.

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