



# Reception Newsletter



## February - March 2025

It is the start of our third half-term, and we cannot believe that we are halfway through this academic year! What an amazing journey it has been so far. This half term, we are focusing our learning on animals that hatch from eggs. We will begin our adventure by learning about the life cycle of a hen, and we will have the opportunity to incubate and hatch our own batch of chick eggs. Following this, we will turn our learning towards a range of prehistoric creatures that came from eggs as we immerse ourselves in the theme of DINOSAURS! We will have a very special experience towards the end of this half-term where we will meet a life-size T-REX called Jam! However, we are keeping this a secret from the children for now.

### This half term we are learning:

- How to double numbers
- To have a deep understanding of numbers 8 and 9
- How to recognise odd and even numbers
- How to tell the difference between length and height
- About how eggs hatch and what kind of animals are born from them
- How to care for living things
- How to use the internet to research key facts
- That dinosaurs lived millions of years ago and are now extinct
- About a range of different dinosaurs - omnivores, herbivores and carnivores
- About what fossils are and what palaeontologists do
- How to write a non-fiction fact file
- About the differences in the environment over time (comparing when dinosaurs were alive to now)
- How to use a capital letter, finger spaces and full stops when writing a sentence

### How to help your child at home:

- Practise reading all set 1/2 letter sounds and use the letter rhyme to help your child to write their letters correctly
- Encourage your child to zip their coat up independently
- Listen to them read at home as much as possible
- Practise reading and writing the red words learnt in phonics
- Encourage your child to practise ordering and recognising numbers to 15
- Encourage your child to write simple sentences using their Fred fingers to sound out the words
- Talk to your child about the environment they live in and how it is different from other places in the world
- Encourage your child to practise writing their first and last name

### We will also be:

- Tasting different types of eggs and discussing the flavours
- Observing the 'hatching' process of our class eggs
- Exploring the life cycle of a hen and creating artwork that represents the process
- Making moving dinosaurs using paper plates and split pins
- Carrying out an egg experiment
- Researching a well-known scientist- Mary Anning, and her study of dinosaurs
- Going on an archaeological dig to find fossils
- Making dinosaur biscuits

**Homework Project:** Over this half term, we would like you to help your child make their very own dinosaur-related item at home. This could be a model dinosaur, a dinosaur egg, or a dinosaur scene. The children will showcase their creations in the final week of the half term. If you need any additional resources or materials for this, please speak to your class teacher.

**Things to remember:** Reception children will have a weekly outdoor learning session on a **Thursday**. They will need their wellies for this. We are always grateful for any recycled materials for our children to create with in the workshop (e.g. plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, kitchen and toilet roll inner tubes, bottle lids).

**Teach Rex Parental Involvement Assembly- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March (more information to follow)**

**Thank you for all your support!**

Remember to check out the EYFS page and beautiful work section on our website.  
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