



Welcome to The Winns Nursery



Spring 1



This half term the name of our topic is 'Imagination station!' We will kick start the children's learning with learning all about Dinosaurs, we will excavate and discover fascinating facts, create dinosaur skeletons and go on a dinosaur egg hunt. Next the children will learn about Dazzling Dragons, where children have the opportunity to learn about forts, castles and mythical creatures creating their own magical luck dragons. Our final weeks of this half term will focus on fairy and traditional tales. Children will learn to retell familiar tales, inventing some of their own and role-playing with familiar characters.



This half term to help children understand the world we will be learning that the dinosaurs walked the earth millions of years ago. Children will begin to understand that we can learn about dinosaurs through fossils and their skeletons and will be making their own dinosaur skeletons. Through learning about Dragons children will begin to understand parts of a castle and create their own dragons from collections of materials. Through reading traditional and fairy tales children will continue to develop their moral code of right and wrong and learn about tales from around the world.



This half term we will develop Maths skills by developing fast recognition of up to 3 objects without having to count. Children will also be able to recite numbers past 5 and say one number for each item in order. Children will also be using unifix to measure and compare the lengths of dinosaurs and use a range of shapes to create the plates of a stegosaurus. Children will talk about and explore 2d and 3d shapes using formal and mathematical language such as 'sides', 'straight', 'flat', 'round'.

To develop the children's Physical development the children will taking part in a dinosaur egg hunt in the outdoor area. Children will need to complete a range of physical tasks such as stomping, rolling, jumping, hopping and skipping to find the eggs. Indoors will continue to practise holding pencils properly and develop pincer grips by using a range of small tools such as brushes, magnifying glasses and cutting tools. Children will role play life as a knight in a castle and a dragon soaring through the sky.

To develop our literacy skills this half term children will be learning a wide range of vocabulary and creating their own story maps using conjunctives such as; first, next, then, after, finally'. Children will learn a range of challenging words related to the prehistoric period and will engage in extended conversations about stories. In addition, children continue to write letters accurately and practise writing their own names.

In Nursery we will continue to focus on the children's Personal Social and Emotional skills by talking about their feelings. We will be reading about the Dinosaur who lost his roar and the dinosaur who lost her voice. We will talk about how this makes them feel and how we can make people feel better when they are unhappy. We will also discuss what it feels like to lose something.

Your Nursery class needs you!

We are looking for items for our classroom environment if you have any of the following that you no longer need we would greatly appreciate them!

Wicker baskets (any shape or size) buttons, hessian, wooden pegs, corks, wooden lollipop sticks, pebbles, shells, wooden trays or boxes, gingham fabric, wooden numbers or letters. Junk modelling resources. Please keeping checking Marvellous Me and Eduspot for notifications.

As part of our Art & Design learning children will be designing dinosaur collages and printing using different dinosaurs, rotating and reflecting shapes. Children will also be using salt dough to create dinosaur bones and art straws to create dinosaur skeleton pictures. Later in the term children will design and create their dragons and build their own life-like castles using junk modelling and construction.

Deadline for Reception places: 15th January 2022

The team

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WE NEED YOU!

