



# Summer 1: Learning in Reception



## Personal, Social & Emotional

We will continue to encourage the children to be independent with all aspects of the school day and begin to prepare them for their transition into year one. We encourage the children to solve problems and think of their own ideas in how they can resolve issues with their peers.

## Communication & Language

This half term we are learning about extinct animals, including- Dinosaurs. We will discuss what happened to them and how we know about them.  
We will also introduce lots of new vocabulary linked to our learning.  
Extinct fossil paleontologist

## Physical Development

We will be continuing to develop our fine motor strength and weekly handwriting practise. We will continue having our weekly PE sessions with a focus on fundamental movement skills of throwing, catching, hopping and jumping.

## English

We will be reading The Time Train. Children will have a go at retelling the story, creating story maps and having a go at writing words and simple sentences. The children will continue their daily phonics sessions and reading practice sessions 3 times per week.

## Maths

Counting beyond 10  
Counting patterns  
Adding more  
Taking away

## Understanding the World

The children will be learning about dinosaurs and other extinct animals. We will discuss 'when' the dinosaurs roamed the earth. We will also be finding out about different forms of travel and how these have changed over time.

## Expressive Arts & Design

We will be having a go at creating our own fossils using salt dough. We will be painting different types of dinosaurs. We will also be engaging in imaginative role-play with our very own 'Time Train'.

## Supporting your child with their learning

Talking to your child and having quality interactions with them is the best way to support their development at this early stage, ask them about their day, what was their favourite part and why. Go for a walk, talk about the things you see, encourage them to help with tasks such as, making tea, doing the shopping and talking about what you are doing.  
Listening to your child read is the next best thing you can do to support their learning, as well as enjoying stories together. The children will bring home a reading book to read at home at least 3 times each week, and a library book for you to enjoy together.