

# GROVE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family had a restful holidays! Below are some of the things we are learning this half-term:

Literacy	Maths
<p><b>Phonics:</b> Children will be focussing on segmenting sounds and blending to read words through their daily Read Write Inc lessons. Children will also be given a blending Book bag to practise their sounds at home. We are encouraging children to read at home through different colour reading bands.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> The children will have opportunities throughout the environment to write and mark make. The children will have opportunities to discuss their mark making and writing to develop their language. Children are also encouraged to practise writing their name forming their letters with good formation.</p> <p><b>Reading &amp; Comprehension:</b> There will be a range of texts within the environment for the children to read independently – using the pictures to support them telling the story in their own words. The children will have a daily story time session where they will hear a story told to them by an adult.</p>	<p><b>Number:</b> Number formation Counting to 10 Extension- counting from 0- 20 and ordering numbers in the correct sequence Children will be practising new vocabulary such as nothing, fewer than and more than. The children will be learning to count forwards and backwards 0-10 and have an understanding of one to one correspondence.</p> <p><b>Numerical Patterns:</b> Identifying familiar numbers for example door numbers and ages. Recognising more than and fewer than.</p> <p><b>Shape, space and measure:</b> Patterns Measuring height and length using non-standards units of measure Identifying 2D and 3D shapes and manipulating these to create structures.</p>
<b>Communication &amp; Language</b>	<b>Personal, Social &amp; Emotional Development</b>
<p><b>Listening, Attention &amp; Understanding:</b> The children will continue to develop their listening and will be provided opportunities to follow more complex and multi-step instructions. In addition to this the children will be required to listen for more sustained periods of time.</p>	<p>The children will take part in a range of turn taking and team-based activities. We will continue to support the children with waiting their turn whilst regulating their emotions. During circle class time sessions children have the opportunity to talk about their feelings and share events and celebrations with each other, building empathy, respect and good relationships with one another.</p>
<b>Physical Development</b>	<b>Understanding the World</b>
<p>The children will be provided with a range of activities such as hole punching, using pegs, opening locks, threading, cutting and</p>	<p>The child will learn about what the Earth was like when the dinosaurs were alive.</p>

<p>playdough. These activities will help them to develop their fine motor skills and well as strengthen their hand muscles which are vital for writing.</p> <p>Children also have the opportunity to exercise through 5 minute workout daily sessions where they can develop their fine and gross motor skills.</p>	<p>We will look at fossils and how palaeontologists use these to learn about what dinosaurs looked like.</p> <p>We will also find out what happened to the dinosaurs and why there are no more roaming the Earth.</p> <p>Children are also learning new vocabulary such as carnivore and herbivore and can identify which dinosaurs are herbivores and carnivores.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts &amp; Design</p>	<p>Additional Information</p>
<p>Children also have the opportunity to create their own junk models using a range of different materials and resources in the creative area.</p> <p>We are learning new songs such as 'kumbaya', and other nursery rhymes. Children are building the confidence to sing and perform in front of their peers and their teachers.</p>	<p>The children will also be attending the Library on a Thursday to select and choose their own book.</p> <p>In addition to this will be starting our Lending Library where the children can take home story bags which contain stories and props.</p> <p>Reception children will also have PE sessions Thursday afternoons, please provide PE kits for this day.</p>

Attached you will find information about what we be learning in our topic 'What happened to all of the dinosaurs?' Included in this are key knowledge and facts that will be covered as well as a list of key vocabulary and definitions. Please ensure that your children are familiar with these words, including the spellings, as they will be using them throughout their topic.

Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any concerns.

Yours Sincerely,  
Miss Javed

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