

Red Class - Spring I 2023



Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to another exciting term in Red Class. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday. We have more exciting activities planned for this half term and some information that we would like to share with you.

Please do ask me if you would like to know anything more about what we are learning or doing this half term. We will go for a local walk near to the end of term. Details to follow.

Have a great half term of learning,

Olive

Class Teacher

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be demonstrating to the children that their actions have an impact on others and sharing ways to repair relationships or situations when needed. They will use some strategies to support themselves when resolving conflicts with others by negotiating and finding a compromise. Please do talk to your children about using words to solve conflicts.



Physical Development

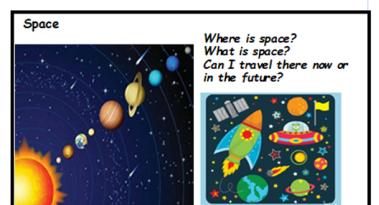
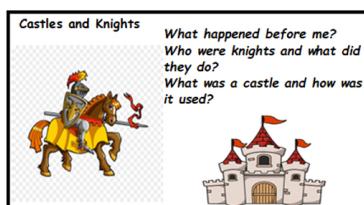
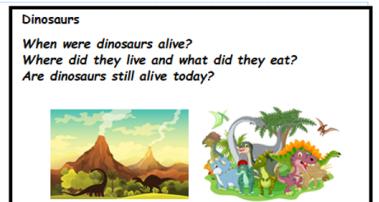
Children will continue practising holding a pencil and forming letters correctly. In PE they will focus on stability and develop speed, agility and strength, exploring how to control movement.



Theme

Our theme this term is based on the past, present and future. We will be exploring Dinosaurs, Castles and Knights and Space.

"I've learnt about other people, has the world always been like this?"



Communication and Language

This term we will be responding in conversation keeping to the topic, offering comments and asking questions. Using new learnt vocabulary in context will be key to developing speaking and listening skills. Children will begin to use language to describe events in the past and present to demonstrate their knowledge of past, present and future.



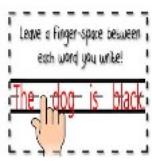
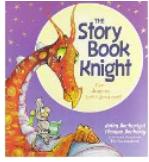
Phonics

We will begin to learn phase 3 phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs and more tricky words. We are learning these sounds at pace so please continue to support your child forming the letters correctly and saying the sound.



Literacy

This term we will be consolidating simple captions by using our phonic knowledge and tricky words. We will be learning to use finger spaces for correct word spacing. We will focus on practising the correct formation of letters, and remembering to start our captions/ sentences on the left hand side of our page.



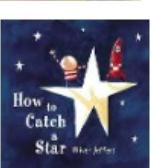
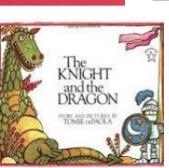
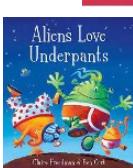
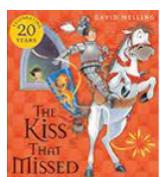
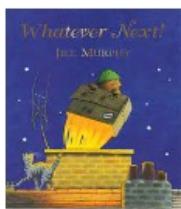
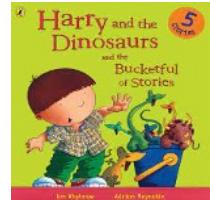
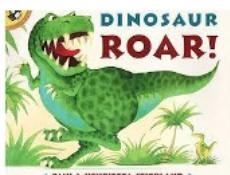
Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be creating a world for dinosaurs to live using small world and construction. We will be designing our own castle with turrets and drawbridges. We will design and make our own shields. We will create and decorate rockets using junk modelling and pretend to travel to the moon with our friends.



Stories for our topic

Share a story from the past, present and future with your child. Reading books to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills but most of all it is enjoyable!



Dates for Spring 1

Mon 16th January	Elmer Monday! Wear as many colours as you can!
Fri 10th Feb	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 3.15pm Finish
Half-Term Holidays Mon 13th -Fri 17th February	

Maths

We will be exploring number bonds to 5, and introducing 6,7,8 and 9, including exploring their composition and learning about doubling and halving. We will continue to subitise and partition numbers including exploring capacity, heights and sizes.



Understanding the World

Our topic this term explores the past and future. We will find out what the world was like in the past, learning about dinosaurs and conducting a volcano science experiment. We will explore a dinosaur dig and learn about palaeontologists. We will learn about the planets in our solar system and key facts about space, especially earth as well as exploring space travel, astronauts and gravity.



Homework

Each MONDAY we collect homework. Children will complete phonics and handwriting homework.

Every day, children should complete their daily diet

- read their reading book for 10 mins
- Practise their phonics
- Practise key words for reading and writing
- Practise counting

Reminders

Bring book bag to school every day.

Sign the reading record and date it.

Coats should be brought to school every day

Please label all uniform with your child's name

Please let us know if your child has been unwell during the night/weekend so that we can keep an eye on them when they are at school.

PE is on Tuesday and Thursday. Come to school wearing PE kit.

P.E. KIT	
(No brand named tracksuits (i.e. no Adidas, Nike, etc.) to be worn for P.E.)	
Compulsory: White t-shirt (with or without embroidered logo)	
Compulsory: Navy shorts or jogging bottoms	
Compulsory: Plimsolls or black trainers	