

# SALTWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Class R Newsletter - Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. The children have returned to school refreshed and full of excitement and enthusiasm.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who contributed to my Christmas gift; I was quite overwhelmed at your generosity. I will enjoy spending the voucher on baby bits.

Thank you ☺

Our first topic this term is 'Dinosaurs'. This topic provides many opportunities for your child to develop each area of learning as set out in the Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage:

Area of learning	Themes to explore
Communication and Language	Learning new and tricky words. Explaining own knowledge and understanding. Listening to others and responding appropriately. Beginning to be able to ask and answer 'how' and 'why' questions.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Trying new activities with confidence. Playing cooperatively and taking turns. Taking steps to resolve conflicts with other children.
Physical Development	Using a pencil effectively to form identifiable letters. Handling tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control.
Literacy	Finding out that information can be retrieved from books and computers. Segmenting and blending simple words for reading and spelling. Continued practise of pre-cursive letter formation. Writing for a purpose.
Numeracy	Measuring. Counting/adding/subtracting. Shapes. Problem solving.
Expressive Arts and Design	Being imaginative. Exploring colour/texture/joining/simple tools
Understanding the world	Events in past and present. Similarities and differences between selves and others
Religious Education	Special stories

During the next topic we will be learning about 'Chinese New Year', as part of the 'Understanding the World' and 'People and Communities' areas of learning. After this, topics will be based on the children's interests

### A few reminders:

**Family Learning Journal/homework tasks** - Thank you very much to those of you who carry out an activity each week with your child. I understand how busy lives can often make this difficult. Please ensure you read the topic sheet which is stuck in the book each week as I often ask for resources for the following week or put reminders in for future events.

**Wow moments** - Thank you to those of you who have sent in Wow moments for your child. I have provided another copy for this term. These are an excellent insight in to your child's learning and development at home and are included in your child's Learning Journey books as well as on the Wow display board in the classroom. You can include photos, examples of your child's independent writing, drawing, and number work are also welcomed.

**Reading journals** - Just a reminder that when you have read your child's home reading book with them please write a short note in their red reading journal. We will be starting Guided Reading sessions this term, which is a small group reading activity. This will be marked as **GR** in the reading journal. We endeavour to change home reading books 3 times a week, but please do encourage your child to change their own books if you would like a new one in between times.

If you have any questions at all please feel free to come and speak to me after school. If you would prefer, you can write a note and hand it to me in the morning. I will then do my best to see you after school that day or at another suitable time.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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