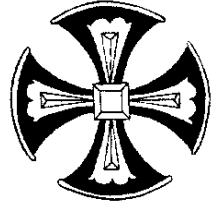
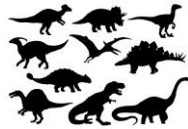


# Reception News



30<sup>th</sup> January 2023



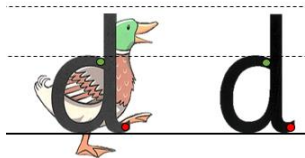
Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to resuming our 'Dinosaur' theme this week and we will be using descriptive vocabulary to write about particular dinosaurs. We will also be finding out more about the life and influence of Mary Anning and creating our own dinosaur action poems and songs.

**Key vocabulary:** *Stegosaurus, T-Rex, carnivore, herbivore, skin, bone, plate, teeth, slow, fast, bumpy, smooth, feet, head, body, claw, arms, eye, legs, tail, meat, leaf*

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** We will be continuing our 'Growth Mindset' sessions this week and thinking about how people feel when they find something difficult.

**Handwriting:** Please return the book to school by the following Tuesday so that it can be prepared for the following week. This week's letter is **d**, and the catchphrase is 'Around the duck's body, up to its head, then down to its feet.'



**Phonics:** Here is our new trigraph (three letters, one sound) and digraph (two letters, one sound) for this week:

**air** (catchphrase: *chair in the air*)

**er** (catchphrase: *a bigger digger*)

We will also look at words with double letters such as **dd, mm, tt** (e.g. ladder, letter).

Please continue to practise these digraphs and trigraphs: **ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear**

Phase 3 tricky words taught so far this half term: **was, you, they, my, by, all**

New tricky words this week: **are, sure, pure**



**Maths:** We will be focusing on comparing and ordering objects by weight, and using non-standard units to measure objects using the balance scales. We will also explore subtraction.

**Key vocabulary:** *heavy, light, heavier, lighter, balance, same, equal, subtract, take away, less, left, how many*

**As always, we welcome donations of children's underwear (including socks) and boxes of tissues.**

Thank you for your continued support,  
The Reception Team