



# Reception Newsletter

## Spring - Term 4 - 2019



Welcome back to the second half of Spring Term! We hope you had an enjoyable week with your children and are now enjoying the lighter mornings and evenings.

### Topic Overview for Spring - Term 4

During this term, we will be learning about dinosaurs!

<i>Area of Learning</i>	<i>Key Focus</i>
<i>PSED</i>	<i>Taking care of resources and each other.</i>
<i>Physical Development</i>	<i>Leap Into Life: we will be developing our gymnastic skills - focussing on rolls, turns and balances.</i>
<i>Literacy</i>	<i>Writing sequences of words to form sentences. Learning and applying new Phase 3 sounds. Reading tricky words by sight, and applying this knowledge in our writing. Developing narrative features in our writing.</i>
<i>Maths</i>	<i>Data handling and sorting. Addition and subtraction. Measuring mass: non-standard units. Estimating.</i>
<i>Understanding of the World</i>	<i>Sorting dinosaurs by their characteristics. Exploring skeletons.</i>
<i>Expressive Arts and Design</i>	<i>Salt dough fossils. Using tissue paper to create artistic effects.</i>

## **IT'S GOOD TO TALK**

*IT'S GOOD TO TALK! We have an open door policy at Glory Farm and would invite parents to talk to us should they have any questions or concerns about their child's learning or experiences in school. We will always want to do our best to help and support you. The beginning of the day is very busy for us so, if possible, please ask to make an appointment to chat to a member of the team one day after school.*

## **READING & HOME LEARNING**

*Children are now beginning to change their books independently. There are an increasing number of children who are not reading regularly at home. It is imperative that children read and practise their sounds/blending and segmenting skills at least 4 times a week to ensure they make **good progress**. If you need any support with this – please ask!*

*Home Learning: Tasks are set on a Friday and are usually due in the following Friday.*

## **Crafts & Cooking**

*We would really appreciate a 50p contribution each week into our EYFS Donation Pot. This money is used to buy ingredients for cooking activities and foods to support our topics. It is also used to buy ingredients to make fresh play dough each week.*

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## **PE**

*We take part in physical activity every day to keep our bodies healthy. We will now be beginning to get changed for PE on a Wednesday afternoon.*

*Please help us be more independent by leaving the top button on our polo shirts undone - these can be tricky!*