

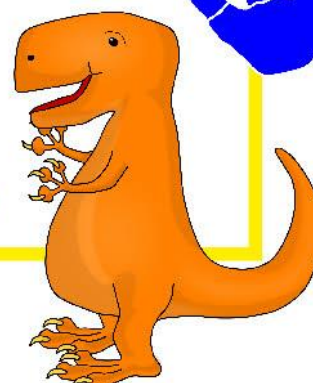
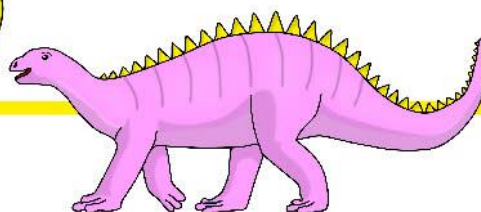
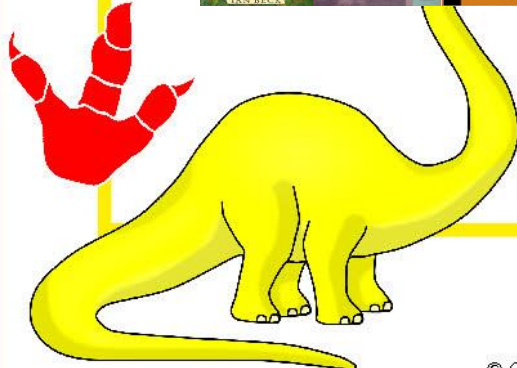
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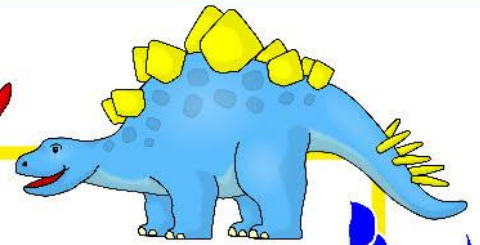
I hope you have all have had lovely Christmas break.

Our Topic for this term is 'Amazing Creatures' and our key question is 'Who was Mary Anning?' I have included a Knowledge Organiser, which provides a brief overview and introduces some of the vocabulary we will be using during our sessions. During the first few weeks, we will be learning about dinosaurs, Mary Anning and fossils, plus learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

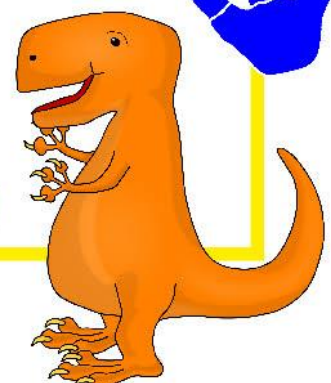
We will also be promoting Speaking and Listening skills, new vocabulary and introducing phonic sounds for Reading. Mary Anning is linked with the tongue twister "She sells sea shells..." and we will be learning and performing some tongue twisters as part of our learning!

Our learning is based around quality texts in all areas. In Literacy, we will be linking our reading to our topic, using the following books for story comprehension and discussion.





We will also have a week on measuring including length, height, weight and capacity.



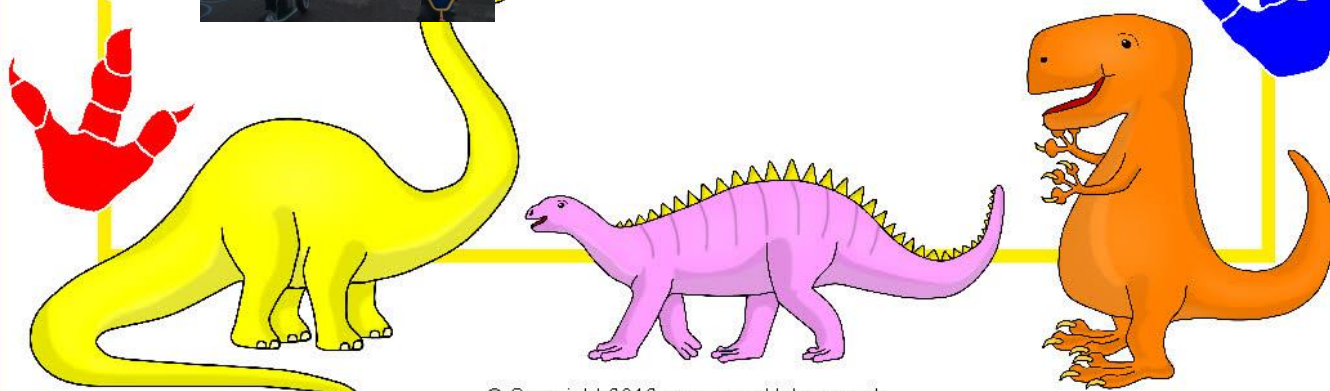


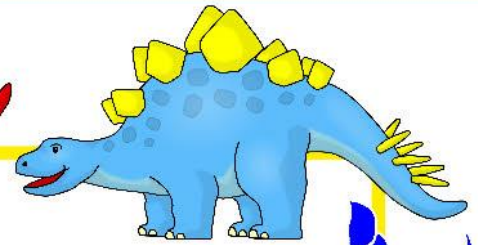
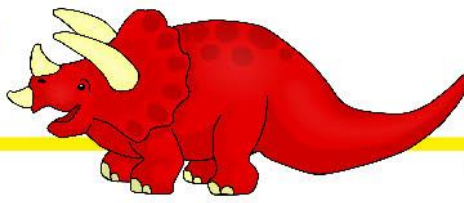
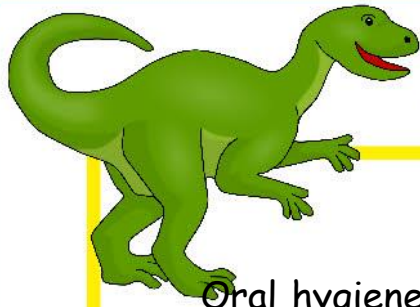
In Physical Development, we will continue to develop both fine and gross motor skills.

Our PE session will take place on Mondays. Please wear PE kit on Mondays: school coloured t-shirt, black/ navy shorts. If it is cold, please wear black joggers.

Every Friday, we will be having a balanceability session, run by a company called 'Move More, where the children will be learning to ride a bike without stabilisers. Those children who can already ride, will be perfecting their skills. Bike helmets will be provided by the company, so please can children not wear high ponytails/ bunches on Fridays! Please note that this session will replace 'messy play' for this half term. We will restart 'messy Thursdays' after half term.

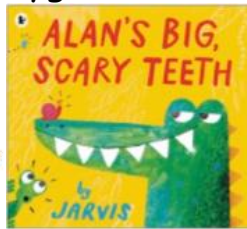
We will also continue to have fun on the bikes, scooters and large wheeled toys at other times during the week. Please bring a helmet from home if you would like your child to wear one.





Oral hygiene, with a focus on tooth brushing skills, will also be taught this term. So much of our health begins in our mouth! The health of our gums and teeth is directly connected to our heart health and our immune health.

Some of the texts we will be using to promote oral hygiene are:



Reading books will be changed every Friday and new phonic sheets will also be available to practise.

It is another exciting term ahead. Thank you for your continued support with the reading and phonics practice. It makes such a difference to your child's achievement.

Thank you!

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