



ALBAN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful break and managed to relax and that you are ready for the new term. Our topic this term is Dinosaurs and we hope to link as much learning as possible to it.

Children in Year 2 will learn about the following this term:

English	We will cover a range of narrative, non-fiction, picture and chapter books this term. Our units will be – Stories with familiar settings, Instructions, Non-Chronological Reports, Patterns on the Page and Different Stories by the Same Author. Where possible we will try to use as many Dinosaurs texts as we can.
Maths	To start the term we will focus on place value, developing our understanding of rounding, identifying value of digits and knowing numbers by both their digit and written form. This will then progress to using these skills to help us compare and order numbers and to help us solve problems which will include all four operations. Where possible the children will be presented with problems set in contexts to help them understand how their learning can be transferred into real life situations.
Science	Animals including humans, Uses of everyday materials
History & Geography	What was the Earth and our local area like millions of years ago?
Design Technology & Art	Dinosaurs in a range of tools, Moving dinosaurs using levers and Dinosaur fruit salad.
RE	Myself, Celebrations
PE	Dance, Gym and Games
Computing	Starting Research
P4C	Developing our P4C skills: giving reasons for our beliefs and linking our learning to wider contexts.

Reading

All children are expected to bring in their **reading books** and **reading records** every day. Please fill in their reading record when they read at home. **We will continue with the Reading Challenge this term.** In Year 2 the children will be expected to become more independent and it will be their responsibility to put their reading folders into a box to be changed – if they do not do this, they will not be changed. This term Library books will be changed on a **Thursday**.

Homework

As well as reading at home regularly, the children will be expected to complete one homework task a week. In each child's homework book there is a home learning grid where they can choose from a range of activities. There may be weeks where additional homework is sent home. Please could parents / carers date and sign to show when the task has been completed. Homework can be handed in at any point during the week and we will try to mark and return it as promptly as we can.





Homework Club will continue this year on **Tuesday and Thursday** during lunchtime. We will be sending out spelling books which have high frequency words on the inside cover. There is space to practise and test the spellings and we would be grateful for any practise you do at home to consolidate what we are doing at school. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

PE

We will have PE on **Monday and Friday** this term but it would be helpful if the children had their PE kit in school throughout the week in the event of bad weather or extra sessions with a coach. Please make sure that **all PE kit and uniform is named**. Outdoor PE is on a Friday.

Year 1 and 2 trip

We have a very exciting trip to the Natural History Museum planned for Friday 30th September! We have a special workshop booked with Dino Dan and we will be visiting the galleries to support our Dinosaurs topic. We are just finalising the last few details and will be sending out a letter with all the relevant information within the next few days.

Targets

To keep you involved in our learning we will be sending home new targets as soon as the old ones have been met. We aim to change the targets every 6 weeks which will coincide with Parents Week.

Writing target	Maths target
<p>To use adjectives to describe nouns (noun phrase). E.g. black cat scary witch</p> <p>To use two adjectives to describe a noun (expanded noun phrase). E.g. big black cat white fluffy flour</p> <p>To use precise vocabulary in my writing to describe different types of words. E.g. plain flour exhausted cat</p>	<p>To identify and recognise numbers to 50 and to begin to identify their value. 15 has 1 ten and 5 units.</p> <p>To partition a 2 digit number and explain the value of each digit. $78 = 70 + 8$</p> <p>To show understanding of place value in 2 digit numbers by partitioning them in a variety of ways. $78 = 70 + 8$ $78 = 50 + 28$</p>

Extra information

If there is any information you feel that we should know, please do come and let us know. This could include allergy or medical information, or letting us know the adults who can or cannot pick up your child.

Best wishes for the term ahead.

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