

## Homework Project Ideas

Here are some ideas of activities or projects you might like to try at home with your child, linked to our topic this half term.

- Draw a picture of your local park and how it might differ to the Pre-historic Age.
- Create a collage of a dinosaur, using different non-living and living resources.
- Create an information leaflet about Dinosaurs using information you know and can research.
- Use the Cbeebies website with Andy to learn some facts. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/andys-dinosaur-adventures>

### Key information for parents:

- Spelling homework - will be given out on Fridays for a 'quiz' on the following Friday.
- Maths Homework - will be given out on a Friday and children have two weeks to complete the task.
- English Homework - Children will be given this alternating with maths.
- P.E day is on a Wednesday.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their T.shirts, shorts and trainers ready dressed on this day. Also please ensure the clothes are clearly named.

Let's have a great first half term! 😊

The Year 2 Team.

# Welcome to Year 2!

Our topic this half term is:

**The Land Before Time**



## English

**Instructions:** We will make our very own dinosaur fossils then create instructions on how to make these. With a focus on Full sentences that are correctly punctuated.

**Creative Writing:** Changing part of a story to make it their own

**Editing:** Develop skills to improve work independently.

**Handwriting:** focusing on correct letter formation and joining.

## Art

**Develop techniques:** Sketching/ observational drawing through tone, shape, line and pattern.

**Exploring colour mixing:** We will use paint to explore complimentary colours. Looking at the work of Georges Seurat and Bradley Hart.

**Exploring different materials: CLAY**  
- We will be using and manipulating clay to create dinosaur fossils.

## Reading

**Shared book:** Books by Tracey Corderoy

**Guided Reading:** Dinosaur poems, If I had a dinosaur and How to grow a dinosaur. Using dinosaur stories to create our descriptions of dinosaurs to link to English.

## SPaG / Phonics

## Maths

**Our first block is Place Value:**

- Read and write numbers to 100.
- Recognise the place value of each digit.
- Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations.
- Compare and order numbers.
- Use number to solve problems.
- Count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10.

**The next block is Addition and Subtraction:**

- Recall and use + and - facts to 20
- + and - using objects or pictures.  
E.g.  $27 - 4 =$ ,  $43 + 20 =$ ,  $56 - 34 =$  or  $6 + 5 + 9 =$
- Understand commutative law
- Solve problems using + or -
- Understand the inverse of + is -

## The Land Before Time

## PE

**REAL PE -**  
Using a multi-ability approach  
Children will focus on Co-ordination and static balance.

## PSHE / RE:

**Jigsaw:** This half term we are thinking about: **Being Me in My World**

**Special Places:**

We will be learning about Special Places; about the Hindu faith and their special place of worship: Mandirs.

## Science

We will be looking at what the Dinosaurs ate, and how that relates to food chains and compare theirs with other animals.

We will be classifying and sorting based on our own criteria and questioning. Using their similarities and differences.

We will explore the difference between living and dead and things that have never be alive, using dinosaurs as the focus.

## Geography / History

**Physical features:** Where have dinosaurs been found? Looking at the physical features of their era and compare this with landmasses today.

**Basic geographical vocabulary:** When describing what the earth looked like millions of years ago.

**Awareness of the past:** Creating timelines of the different eras of dinosaurs in relation to the present day.

**Significant individual:** When looking at fossils we will talk about Mary Anning.