

Subject	What is my child learning about at school?
English Literature	<p>Your child is continuing to learn about characters in stories and how to develop and describe them through the innovation process. We will focus on adjectives, similes and alliteration. To support this learning we will be focussing on the text <i>The Little Green Dinosaur</i> by Pie Corbett.</p> <p>Your child will also learn about and write their own non-fiction text. They will create a dinosaur fact file to show their learning.</p>
Reading - Sounds-Write (Phonics)	<p>Your child is learning an increasing number of the 44 phonemes that make up the words of the English language. They are continuing to practise their blending and segmenting skills and applying them to 5 sound words (CCVCC, CVCCC and CCCVC) in their reading and writing. For example, twist and drink.</p> <p>The sounds we are learning this term are:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">a i m s t n o p b c g h d e f v k l u j w q r x y z, ff, ll, ss, zz</p>
Writing – Nelson Handwriting	<p>Your child is continuing to master the 'Perfect Pencil Grip' and to form their sounds correctly. All writing will be completed on tramlines. Excitingly, your child will be writing in their own handwriting book to perfect their formation and use of tramlines. Pupils are writing individual words using their phonic knowledge and continuing to develop their skills for writing simple perfect sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.</p>
Mathematics – Maths no Problem	<p>Your child will deepen their understanding of numbers 0-20. They will focus on addition and subtraction and the methods used when solving equations. For example, part-part whole models, tens frames and number lines. Excitingly, we will also learn how to write number equations using +, - and = signs.</p> <p>Your child will continue to develop their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and how to use mathematical language to describe them. For example, faces, edges, vertices, corners and sides.</p> <p>In addition, your child will develop their knowledge of measuring size, mass and capacity and how to solve size problems.</p>
Knowledge (Science, History, Geography, Technology and RE)	<p>This half term your child will learn about dinosaurs. Your child will focus on the work of palaeontologists and how we study dinosaurs through fossils. We will also learn about the different types of dinosaurs and their habitats.</p> <p>Throughout the half term your child will learn about the Easter Story and how Christians celebrate this period.</p> <p>Your child will begin to complete simple programmes on an iPad and develop their coding skills through Bee Bots and Apps such as Dino Daisy in the classroom.</p>
Character	<p>Your child is learning about creativity, honesty and humour. Pupils are reading stories about these character virtues and putting them into practise in the classroom and around the wider school. Your child will be taking part in discussions and activities linked to these virtues.</p> <p>Excitingly, your child will also take part in a service learning project with their class to support the local community.</p>
Art, Design and Technology	<p>This half term your child will be learning about sculpture. They will learn about well-known sculptures in London and develop their drawing skills by sketching them. Your child will also use different materials and tools to create their own sculptures.</p> <p>In Design and Technology your child will create a puppet, using simple sewing techniques.</p>

P.E.	Children will focus on the Fundamental Movement Skills during early childhood. Areas such as Agility, Balance, Co-ordination, Speed, Strength, Body Awareness and Hand-Eye or Foot-Eye will be developed along with opening them up to the skills in Hockey and Basketball.
Music	Your child sings with their class every day. They are continuing to learn a wide variety of new songs linked to our topic. As well as classic nursery rhymes. For example, Jack and Jill and Old King Cole.

Sub ject	How can I support my child's learning at home?
Reading	It is important to read with your child every day. This will support their phonic knowledge and build a broad and rich vocabulary, which will support their reading comprehension. Try to close the book after they have finished reading and ask them to tell you the sounds in simple words contained in the text. For example, "Can you tell me the sounds in twist?" Your child should be able to begin to say "t-w-i-s-t." This questioning will support application of sounds to their writing as well. It is also important that your child is comprehending what they are reading. Try asking them questions about the book after they have read it. For example, what was the name of the main character?
Writing	It is essential that your child masters writing all of the sounds on tramlines, using correctly formed letters. Encourage your child to practise their Perfect Pencil Grip and write at home using a pencil and tramline paper. Please use the formation chart that you have been given both in homework and as an email to support your child with their letter formation. For example, your child could practise writing thank you cards, a list of items needed for a family outing or instructions for making a meal. If you would like to have tramline paper to write on at home please ask your class teacher.
Mathematics	Your child is practising to read and write numbers. Encourage your child to write their numbers using a pencil and paper. We write our numbers like this: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 Please use every opportunity to count with your child and challenge them to fine one/two more or less than numbers to 15.
Knowledge (Science, History, Geography, Technology and RE)	Please use every opportunity to talk to your child about dinosaurs. You could visit the library to find non-fiction dinosaur texts and stories. You could even visit the Natural History Museum free of charge during a weekend.
Character	You can support your child's creativity by encouraging them to draw and design works of art or use their imagination to make up an exciting story. You can encourage your child to enjoy humour by telling jokes, watching a funny video or reading a funny story. Please continue to develop discussions about honesty at home by reminding your child the importance of being honest.
Art, Design and Technology	You could support your child's learning by visiting and talking about local sculptures in parks or in the city. You could also create a puppet at home using any resources you might have and put on a puppet show.
Music	Please support your child's learning by singing with them and listening to a variety of music at home and nursery rhymes.
P.E.	Please ensure your child eats a healthy, balanced diet and arrives at school having eaten a nutritious breakfast. Details of our breakfast club are available from the School Office. Ensure they have the opportunity to take part in different physical activities such as catching and throwing balls or climbing at the park. You can further support your child's understanding of their own body by talking about changes that they notice after exercising, for example, feeling hot, sweaty, thirsty or 'out of breath'.