



Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy

HALF-TERMLY UPDATE - RECEPTION

*Spring Term Topic, 2nd Half-term - 'Stones and Bones' (Dinosaurs)
(Please see parent overview for additional details)*

Our topic for this half-term is 'Stones and Bones'.

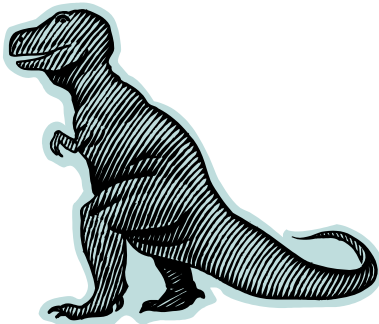
The children have discussed the topic with their teachers and have given their own ideas about what they want to learn:

R1, Mrs Miller's Class

- How big was the biggest dinosaur?
- What happened to the dinosaurs?
- How are fossils made?
- What were the first people like?
- Why and how do volcanos erupt?

R2, Miss Flanagan's class

- Why do some dinosaurs look different?
- Who found the first fossil?
- How did the dinosaurs become extinct?
- What are bones made from?
- Where can you find dinosaur bones?
- Why do we need bones?



School Nurse Suggests

As the children return to school after the half-term break, I would like to remind everyone about the importance of good hand hygiene as being one of the most important steps in preventing the spread of infections such as diarrhoea, vomiting and ringworm. Practising good hand washing at home with the children and reminding them of when it is important to wash their hands will ensure that they continue these good habits when they are at school. Please be reminded that children are required to be away from school for 48 hours following the last bout of diarrhoea or sickness.

Late Arrival at School

As you are aware, morning registration takes place at 8.55am, with children being admitted to school at 8.45am. If your son/daughter arrives at school **after** the registration time of 8.55am, please report to the school office and enter the relevant information in the 'Late Arrivals' book. It is crucial that this procedure is followed, otherwise your son/daughter will not be registered as present. The consequences of this, for example if there should be a fire, could obviously be very serious. Please be reminded that where there are concerns about a child's attendance that falls below 96%, it is then referred to our Education Welfare Officer with CSAWS for appropriate action.



Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

It is a Government requirement that any adults involved working with children either in the classroom, swimming etc are required to complete a new DBS application form. Please check with the class teacher to ascertain if you are already on the DBS check list. If you have not had a DBS check unfortunately you will be unable to help until clearance has been given. Forms are available via e-mail, please contact the School Office. If you require any assistance in the completion of the form please do not hesitate to ask.

Parking - Front and Rear of the School

Could I please remind parents to park considerably outside the school as there have been a number of complaints and incidents reported by parents and neighbours. Please also note that the turning of vehicles outside school is also a danger to pedestrians.

Mobile Phones

May we remind you that mobile phones should not be used inside the school building unless permission has been granted e.g. for Class Assemblies. All visitors will be asked to switch their mobile phones off and keep them in their bags, for those parents that help with swimming, you will be asked to hand your phones into the main school office.

Voluntary Contributions

Spring Term 2 contributions are due at £7.50, please make your payment using ParentPay. A reminder of the 2017-18 contributions amounts is below, thank you to those that regularly pay:

Autumn 1	£10.50
Autumn 2	£10.50
Spring 1	£10.50
Spring 2	£7.50
Summer 1	£9.00
Summer 2	£10.50
Total for the year	£58.50

School Closure due to Inclement Weather

Please can we ask all parents to ensure that the contact details on your ParentPay account are up to date, as should the school be closed due to inclement weather, we will send an email and a text via ParentPay to all parents.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Yours sincerely

L Minter
Headteacher