

## November 2017

Dear Parents,

It has been fantastic how quickly the children have settled into school and they are fast becoming very independent.

This half term is a very busy one. Initially our topic will be based around Harry and his dinosaurs but we will soon begin our Christmas preparations.

Within the areas of learning we plan to:

- Say and use in order number names to 20
- Name solids: cube, sphere, cylinder and cone
- Compare two objects by length or weight
- Use 1p coins in shopping situations
- Continue to focus on the sound each letter makes
- Blend these sounds to read some simple words eg cat, man, hot
- Write these letters correctly
- Listen with enjoyment to a variety of stories eg Harry and the dinosaurs, Harry and the robots etc
- Read and write information- simple sentence or caption
- Read most of the tricky high frequency words from phase 2 eg the, and, I ,no, go
- Begin to use and mix different colours using paint.
- Build a model using junk materials
- Ask questions about why things happen and how things work.
- Investigate objects and materials by using all of their senses.
- Make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur; talk about changes.
- Understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.
- Class worship: Christian Values
- RE: Christmas  
Our focus will be births and birthdays.

**Please collect small empty boxes, kitchen rolls etc as we will be attempting some creative work using junk materials. (No toilet rolls thank you)**

We are usually available at the end of a school day if you have any queries.

Remember to send any WOW moments into school.

Thank you for your continuing support,

The Reception team