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Dear Parents,

Topic for the term

Through the theme of Dinosaurs, this term will be full of different activities about how Dinosaurs lived. We will continue to look at seasonal changes through weather and visits to the woodland area.

In maths we will be focusing on counting and comparing numbers to and beyond 20. Some children will be looking at numbers up to 100, through addition and subtraction. We will be using addition and subtraction through money, including buying items and giving change. Recognition of all coins up to £1 and notes will be included in this too. We shall be doubling and halving, shapes and numbers, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of 2D shapes, reading o'clock/half past times and continuing to order days of the week/months of the year. We will continue to look at spelling number words to twenty, days and months through weekly spellings. We shall consolidate counting in 2s and 10s, and then move on to counting in 5s. We will be applying all of these skills through word problems.

We will continue to learn Phase 5 phonics, as well as using Phase 2 and 3 through reading, writing and spelling. We will be looking at punctuation, including question marks and exclamation marks, alongside capital letters (at the start of a sentence and for names) and full stops. Most children are using lead in and lead outs in their letter formation. Encouraging your child to sit on a chair comfortably with both feet on the floor will ensure neat presentation.

Homework

We will continue to send home homework that you can work on with your children each term. This is aimed at supporting your children's knowledge and understanding in the topics they are covering in class. We have been delighted at the amount of effort that has been put in to homework so far, and enjoy seeing the different ways that homework is completed.

You can continue to support your child at home by playing board games, counting out real coins, mental addition and subtraction, and recognising numbers in the home and on the way to school.

We would like to repeat that the **most important activity you can do** with your child is listening to them read and sharing books with them, modeling this skill. Encourage your child to talk in detail about the sequence of a story; i.e. what happened at the beginning,

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middle and end and using familiar story language 'Once upon a time' 'Happily ever after' etc. We ask you to please make a comment in their reading record book when you hear them read. Lots of parents have commented how useful the phonic section in the Reading Record book is and are using it to support their child's reading.

Please ensure all coats, school clothes, wellies and plimsolls are clearly labelled with their name.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bunting, Mrs Oliver and Mrs Bishop
Year 1 Class Teachers



