

Foundation Stage News St Francis Class

Week Beginning: 24.2.25

We have a new and exciting topic for this half term - 'Fantastic Beasts!' We will be finding out about dinosaurs, dragons and minibeasts!

For the next few weeks we will be focussing on dinosaurs. We will be reading dinosaur poems and using non-fiction texts to find out dinosaur facts.

We will be using the books 'Mad about Dinosaurs' by Giles Andrae and 'First Facts: Dinosaurs' by Charlie Gardner.





This half term we are reviewing all of the letter sounds that we have learnt so far.

We are learning that two letters that make one sound are called 'digraphs'. We are also learning that three letters that make one sound are called 'trigraphs'.

We are working on writing the letters correctly and using them in our reading and writing with growing independence.



Please use this link to watch a video clip which may help you with how to 'say the sounds' if you are unsure:

<u>Phase 2 Pronunciation on Vimeo</u> <u>Phase 3 Pronunciation (vimeo.com)</u>

Maths:

In St Francis' class we have learned about the numbers 0 to 10. We are continuing to look at representing the number, comparing numbers and the composition of each number i.e. how the number is made. We have also looked at one more and one less.

Through this the children are developing a great understanding of number and they are using this to solve simple problems (using + / - / =).



Online library of books:

Thank you to the parents/carers who are supporting the children to access their phonics books on ELS online (Oxford Owl), as part of their phonics homework task.

Your child has an 'online library' of books to enjoy (username and password for this is at the front of your child's Reading Record).

Here is a reminder of how we write our letters in school.

