



# Pendeen

Curriculum Newsletter  
Autumn 2nd Half term 2021

## Staff:

Mrs Wilton (Class Teacher)

Miss Kennedy (Class Teacher)

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## Homework and Reading:

Homework will be the phonic sound of the day, this may be recapping an old sound or learning a new sound. By practicing at home it will help to secure your child's knowledge of their sounds and improve their letter formation. Please also ensure that your child is reading daily. Reading books will be changed twice a week on a Monday and a Friday. Re-read each book more than once, this will enable your child to familiarise themselves with the story and to confidently re-tell the story to you.

We will also start to introduce a piece of maths homework each week, this will be set on a Monday to be completed by the Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Our topic is  
Dangerous Dinosaurs



### Maths:

This term we will learn to:

- Length, height, measuring and capacity.
- Chanting numbers to 20 and then to 100
- Counting and writing numbers to 10
- 2D shapes
- Days of the week and months of the year
- Money and coin values
- One more than or one less than a number to 10

### Literacy:

In English, we will be looking at different stories linked to the festive time of year. The first story we will look at is 'The Gingerbread man'. The children will learn the story and re-tell the story using actions. We will design and make gingerbread men, draw maps and look at the habitat of animals. The children will have daily phonic lessons using the Read Write Inc. programme. We also practice the letter sounds throughout the day. The children will learn how to form letters. You can support your child by listening to them read every day.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We will have weekly circle time, which will help the children understand their own feelings and the feelings of others. The theme for our circle time this half term will be celebrating differences. We will continue to work with the children to promote their independence.

### Communication and Language:

The children will be learning new vocabulary relating to our dinosaur topic. The children will be encouraged to talk about what they know about dinosaurs and what they would like to know. The children will be taught information about dinosaurs and will be invited them to share their thoughts about the facts that they have heard. We will be reading 'The Cave Baby' by Julia Donaldson and the children might even like to act out some sections of the story to support their understanding of the new vocabulary.

### Physical Development:

In our weekly PE lesson the children will be learning gymnastics. They will make gymnastic shapes and try different movements. The children will learn different rolls and different balances. The children will continue to work on their gross and fine motor skills. We will continue to learn plenty of fun action songs. The children have enjoy accessing the outdoors every day where they have access to different PE equipment.

### Understanding the World:

Children will explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants. They will learn relevant information such as living things like dinosaurs, plesiosaurs and pterosaurs lived millions of years ago and a palaeontologist studies fossils of living things from the past.

### Expressive Art & Design:

The children will use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function to represent their dinosaurs skin. The children will have music lessons where they will listen and responding to different styles of music. They will also be learning to sing or sing along with nursery rhymes and action songs.

### RE:

The theme is 'Why is Christmas special to Christians?' We will talk about people who are special to them. Recall what happens at a traditional Christian festival. Begin to recognise the word 'incarnation' as describing the belief that God came to earth as Jesus. We will retell religious stories, making connections with personal experiences. Each day we will join in with collective worship either in the hall or in class. The children say a prayer at lunchtime and The Lord's Prayer at the end of the day. Our value for this half term is compassion and we will teach the children what it means to show compassion towards others. The children may be given a certificate for showing compassion to others. The children will also perform a nativity at the end of the half term. In the nativity they will learn several songs, they will perform with Trevoise class.

Please ensure your child has their book bag, water bottle and coat in school every day. On Thursday children need to arrive in their PE kit. Thank you.