



Dear Parents,

Over the next 6 weeks children in Year 4 will be following a unit of work on a theme that focuses on 'Footprints from the Past'.

This unit of work is part of the International Primary Curriculum. This curriculum sets out very clearly what children will learn – the learning goals – in three different areas:

1. The subjects of the curriculum;
2. Personal development – the characteristics which will help children become more responsible, independent learners;
3. International understanding – which will help children develop both a sense of the independence of their own country and culture and the interdependence between countries and cultures.

Each unit of work is based around specific targets derived from the learning goals for one or more of the subjects. During this unit we will be focusing on History, Geography, Science, Art and International.

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About the different time periods when dinosaurs lived
- How to make a time line
- About fossil hunters from around the world
- About different ideas to explain why the dinosaurs died out

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- What the Earth looked like millions of years ago
- Where to look for dinosaur bones

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- What a fossil is and how a fossil is formed
- About different types of rock
- How to find out what dinosaurs looked like
- What dinosaurs ate
- How to sort and classify dinosaurs and classification of all animals
- About the other animals and plants that lived at the same time as the dinosaurs

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- About how artists draw dinosaurs
- How to make reptile-skin patterns
- How to print dinosaur footprints using stencils

In International, we'll be finding out:

- Where dinosaurs have been found
- About the rules of exploration



Children will be reading, researching, writing, illustrating, working on their own and working in groups. We will be checking to see how well your child has learned through particular activities and asking children to explain their work, perhaps to you.

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them teach you. Encourage your child's interest and curiosity in dinosaurs by looking at books and websites together and talking about them.

If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work. If you have the chance to further their interest in the ideas of this theme please take it, but your enthusiasm and interest is most important.

By the end of the unit, we hope your child has achieved all of the learning targets. We hope they have had an enjoyable time in the classroom. And we hope you have enjoyed seeing your child work with enthusiasm. If you have any comments or questions about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Kind regards

Year 4 Team

