

## at Leighterton:

**A**chieving and progressing in learning and life.

**B**elieving in and respecting ourselves and others.

**C**aring and communicating to ensure a better tomorrow.

**English** In English we will be reading a range of exciting dinosaur stories to inspire our writing, these include 'Harry and his bucket full of dinosaurs' and 'Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School' by Adrian Reynolds. The children will be practising how to write for a variety different purposes including diary entries, letter writing, story writing and instruction writing. In reading we will be looking at improving our inference and prediction skills as well as increasing the number of words at which we can recognise by sight. The children will also have the opportunity to retell stories using art, music and drama.

**Geography and History** We will be using globes, maps and atlases to explore the seven continents and to locate where important dinosaurs were discovered. We will be asking questions to find out who Mary Anning was and why she was so important. We will also be creating our own timeline of animal evolution and finding out about the first signs of life on earth.

I hope the children will enjoy becoming archeologists for the day and discovering their own fossils as well as planning for their next fossil hunt.

### RE & PSHE

We will be thinking about new beginnings and setting ourselves goals for the new year ahead. The children will create their own class contract and agree on a clear set of class rules. In RE we will be looking at creationism and exploring the Christian story of creation in Genesis 1.

### Art & DT

In DT we will be designing our own animal habitats based on research conducted into our favourite dinosaur. We will need a large shoe box to complete this task and will be grateful for any donations from home.

In Art we will be learning about drawing techniques, including mark making, form and shape. At the end of the term we will combine the skills we have learnt to draw a detailed picture of a dinosaur.

### Bowldown Class Dinosaur Roar



**PE** This term we will be taking part in games activities outside. We will also be working with Mr Yolland-Jones in multi-skills activities.

**Music** We will be learning some dinosaur nursery rhymes and playing tuned and un-tuned instruments to accompany them. During lessons, we will be learning a range of vocabulary to help us explain the changes we have made when creating our own compositions.

**Maths** In mathematics we will be reinforcing our understanding of place value and our fluency in ordering numbers to 100. We will recap the children's understanding of addition and subtraction and we will begin to practise solving calculations with increasingly high numbers. The children will be practising counting in 2's 5's and 10's. The key skills we will be revising are comparing numbers to 20 and then to 100, recalling our number bonds to 10 and then 20 fluently and finding 1 more/ one less, 10 more and 10 less than numbers to 100.

**Computing** In computing we will be looking at programming using the bee-bots. This will help us to think about movement, position and direction, whilst also learning how to create and debug simple algorithms.

**Science.** In science we will be exploring animal habitats. We will be comparing different types of animals and explaining how they are suited to their environment. We will create a simple food chain and discover the difference between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores- during our dinosaur 'poo' investigation. We will also be naming the main parts of the human body and our different senses. We will be finding out about the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food.