



# Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 1

## Year 2 Unit: Could a dinosaur live in Wingham? Mrs Piper and Miss Curzon

**Literacy:**  
 This term we are focussing on non-fiction and fiction books about dinosaurs. The children will be writing predictions and writing new endings to stories based on 'Gigantosaurus'. They will also be writing diary entries and letters as well as looking at poetry linked to dinosaurs.

**Numeracy:**  
 We will begin by working on place value and knowing the value of a 2-digit number. We will look at odd and even numbers, counting forwards and backwards from any 2-digit number and comparing objects and numbers. This will lead onto addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers focussing on number bonds to 10 and 20. Adding and subtracting 1's and 10's and then subtracting by crossing 10's.

P.E is on Monday and Wednesday.  
 Forest School in on Thursday.

**Computing:**  
 In our computing lessons we will explore what is a computer by identifying and learning how inputs and outputs work. Developing an understanding of what algorithms are, how to program them and how they can be developed to be more efficient through a range of unplugged and plugged-in activities.

**Wider Curriculum:**  
 In our DT lessons, we will be developing our sewing skills and designing and sewing our own dinosaur puppets. In Science we will be looking at animals, including humans. In history we will be looking at chronology and when dinosaurs existed and studying Mary Anning and Henry De La Bech. In geography we will be looking at fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of Wingham. In Spanish we will develop our linguistic skills by learning the names of 10 minibests and learning the vocabulary for 7 key places in a town. We will also be looking at BSL and will learn some basic sign language. In PE we will be focussing on dance and OAA.

**Helping at home:**  
 Children ideally need to read at home everyday. Please fill in their reading records regularly. They will also bring home weekly spellings or phonics work which needs to be completed weekly. Maths- Focus on number bonds to 10 and 20 as counting in 2,5 and 10's.

**R.E:**  
 We will be looking at Christianity – What did Jesus teach? Thinking about the question "Is it possible to be kind to everyone all of the time?"  
**PSHE:**  
 We will be following the school scheme – Heartsmart. We will reflect on how the choices we make can help or hurt our own hearts and others. We will also learn about different communities and their beliefs to develop understanding and tolerance.

**Enrichment:**  
 We will be going to Betteshanger Park on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September to hunt for fossils. We will undertake fieldwork in the locality of Wingham.