

St Mary's C of E Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR GROUP: One and Two

TERM: Summer 1 2026

Number of weeks: Six

Topic: ROAR!

Overview

STOMP! ROAR! What was that? Do we dare to take a closer look? The towering T-Rex is right in front of us having a real, live dino-battle with a stegosaurus! This killing machine glares into our eyes with its mouth gaped, exposing a fence of teeth like daggers. Uh-oh! Time to go!

Join us, palaeontologists, as we go on a dino-trek to find out more about the legendary Tyrannosaurus Rex and other prehistoric beasts. Notebooks and magnifying glasses at the ready-let's go digging!

Engage: Become part of our Discovery Squad as we explore all things 'dinosaur'. We will learn all about the terrifying Tyrannosaurus Rex and other oily reptiles through non-fiction texts, video clips and Ebooks. Did you know, the bite of a Tyrannosaurus Rex was three times stronger than the bite of a great white shark?

English

Our writing sessions will focus around the text 'Our First Book of Dinosaurs', a collection of dinosaur poems.

Science

We will be exploring different dinosaurs, grouping them into herbivore, carnivore and omnivore. We will use fossils and images to compare their body structures and talk about why they were all so different.

Art and Design

Exploring the world through mono print.
Xgaoc'o X'are
Leonardo Da vinci
Andy Warhol

PSHE - Relationships and families

We will be focussing on making and keeping good relationships with others. We will be thinking about how our behaviours and the way we treat others impacts on their lives. What are the qualities of a good friend? What is a healthy relationship?
We will also be looking at the differences between families and family trees.

Geography/History

Field skills
Maps of the local area showing physical features,

DT

Mechanisms axles and wheels: Transporting a dinosaur safely.

RE

Gospel: What is the good news that Christians believe Jesus brings?

Express

What have we learnt about the terrifying T-Rex and his friends? In the last week of the half term, the Discovery Squad will be sharing their non-fiction work with Farrant Class. On Monday 18th May, we invite parents and carers in for our Book Look at 2.50-3.10.

Computing:

This half term we will be focussing on coding.

Maths:

We will be continuing to follow White Rose and focus on investigating through practical maths. We will solve problems using the skills we have learnt, demonstrating that we have mastered each topic.
Our focus for Summer 1 is Multiplication, fractions, geometry and measuring time.

Visits/Visitors

Paula the Palaeontologist will be helping us answer questions about what happened on Earth millions of years ago. She will share with us artefacts and maybe even learn some facts from us!

Home Learning Tasks

The most valuable thing you can do with your children is reading at home as much as possible, record these 'reads' in Reading Records. Please choose dinosaur-inspired activities from the Home Learning Grid to complete every week.