



Welcome back, Year 2!

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

We hope that you had a fantastic Christmas break and are ready to get stuck into 2018! After a successful autumn term, we will continue to make the curriculum as creative and as fun as possible, enabling the children to succeed in their personal targets and enjoy the term ahead.

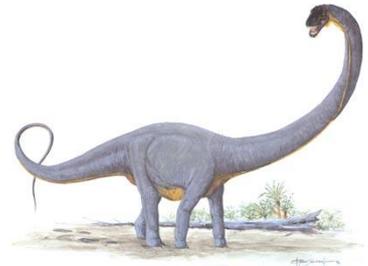
Our cross-curricular topic this term will be the best of the lot: '**DINOSAURS!**' This is a great topic, as it can include history, geography, science, art, music and PE. Year 2 will be able to answer such questions as: *What are dinosaurs? When did they live? Why are they not around anymore? What was the biggest dinosaur? What did dinosaurs eat?*

We will be learning about the history of the dinosaurs and how we can use fossils as historical records. In geography, we will be looking at how the Earth has changed since the time of the dinosaurs, as well as comparing Shrewsbury to a town called Dinosaur in the USA. Studying dinosaurs also allows us to explore the basics of evolution and life on Earth, looking at Charles Darwin as an important, local historical figure. In science, we will be looking at what a dinosaur is in a technical, zoological sense and we will be exploring life-cycles of various animals. This links into the Relationship and Sex Education work that we didn't manage to fit in the autumn term.

In addition to the exciting topic work, this is a term where year 2 will be working hard to collect evidence in writing and maths to inform out teacher judgements at the end of the year. With this in mind, it is vitally important that your child is heard to read regularly, and practises his/her spellings and x-tables facts a few times a week.

Here are a few quick reminders of what your child needs to bring to school:

- **PE KITS:**
 - OUTDOOR PE: **Tuesday** mornings.
 - INDOOR PE: **Thursday** mornings (2Y) and **Wednesday** mornings (2X)
- **READING DIARIES:** should come in every day, especially on Friday.
- **FOREST SCHOOLS:** 2Y will be doing forest schools every Wednesday until half-term. Please bring the proper kit (waterproofs, warm scruffy clothes, welly boots) on Wednesdays. We are going to try and leave bulky kit in the cloakrooms this time. Again, it would be better for the children to arrive at school in their scruffy clothes rather than uniform. 2X will resume Forest Schools after half-term.



Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions whatsoever about anything (to do with school!).

Thanks for your support and help,

Mr. T. Larkham and Mrs. K. Young