



Sunbeams Newsletter 8



FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 8TH JANUARY 24

Latest News

Welcome back: We hope you had a restful break and are ready for the New Year. Thank you so much for all your kind words, gifts and cards in the run up to Christmas. We would like to welcome our new Sunbeams (slightly less than expected) and congratulate them on such a fantastic start!

Our new topic: Dinosaurs to the Ice-age. Over the next few weeks we will be investigating this theme, through songs, dances, stories, games, toys and experiments. Don't forget to check your Tapestry accounts to keep up to date with what we are doing so you can support at home.

Staffing: Unfortunately, Mrs Harris has been unable to return to Sunbeams after the Christmas break, I'm sure you would like to join us in wishing her all the best for the future. Mrs Harris' Keychildren will be transferred to another member of Sunbeams Staff as soon as possible.

Messages

School Applications: School applications for children starting Reception class in September 2024 must be completed by Monday 15th January 2024. Please complete at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions website if you haven't done so already.

Water Bottles: Please check your child has their name on their water bottle, we have lots of bottles that are either the same or similar and it is very hard for us and the children to tell them apart and we don't want them to get lost.

Important Dates

Monday 15th January - Surrey School online applications closing date

Saturday 10th February - Chinese New Year

Wednesday 14th February - St Valentines day

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February - Half Term

Sunday 10th March - Mother's day

Thursday 28th March - Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th

April - Easter holidays

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday - School closed

Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May - Half Term

Sunday 16th June - Father's Day

Friday 19th July - Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

Fortnightly Phonics

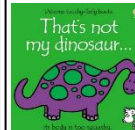
M & D

What phoneme (sound) do these make? Can you hear these phonemes in someone's name you know?

MATHS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Numbers 6 & 7

Counting back, sorting and classifying .



Books and Rhymes

That's not my Dinosaur by Usborne

Dinosaur Roar! Paul & Henrietta Stickland

Dinosaurs (bbc radio)

Dinosaur Stomp (Miss Patty youtube)

Home learning

(remember you are your child's first educator)

Rhyming

Please practice rhyming words like

cat, hat, bat

or

Sea, sun, sand

Can your child suggest other words that start or end with the same sound?

Development Matters;

Say some of the words in songs and rhymes. 0-3 years

Spot and suggest rhymes

3 - 4 years

Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgateschool.co.uk>

Who to contact:

To report absence, late pick up or collection information or other urgent information.) office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

To contact the teacher for non urgent information:

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