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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary **Year 1** pupils,

To kick start the children's time in Year 1, this term they will be learning about **Dinosaurs** in their **History** lessons. For over 140 million years, dinosaurs ruled the Earth. These prehistoric animals ranged in size and shape, from the size of a chicken to lumbering giants the size of a truck. They were reptiles but very different from modern day reptiles as birds are their closest living relatives alive today. Dinosaurs once roamed the supercontinent of Pangaea but nobody knows exactly what happened to them.



Next term, the children will become palaeontologists like Mary Anning, investigating fossils, different species and how they became extinct. A knowledge organiser sharing all of the information – including key vocabulary, maps and key facts – that the children will learn about in their History lessons is at the bottom of this letter. Please feel free to use this with your child to develop their knowledge and understanding at home.



In **Science**, the children will be learning about the topic **Polar Adventures**. They will be thinking like scientists and asking questions about the Arctic and Antarctic habitats, imagining what it would be like to go there as an explorer and what materials we would need to wear to keep us warm. They will also be learning to classify animals into the groups 'herbivore', 'carnivore' and 'omnivore'.

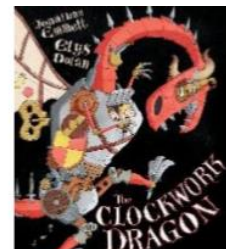
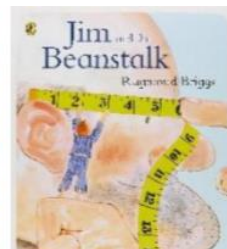
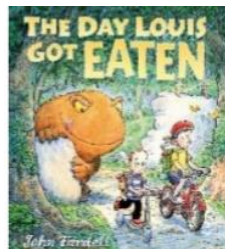
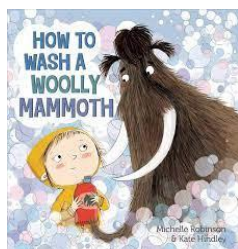


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In **English**, the children will be learning about Fantasy Stories through the text 'The Day Louis Got Eaten' by John Fardell and how to write instructions using



the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' by Michelle Robinson. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, they will be studying 'The Clockwork Dragon' by Jonathan Emmett and 'Jim and the Beanstalk' by Raymond Briggs.

In **Maths**, children will learn to:

- Identify one more and one less of a given number.
- Recall at least four of the six number bonds for 10 and use their reasoning skills to work out other facts (e.g. $6 + 4 = 10$, therefore $4 + 6 = 10$ and $10 - 6 = 4$).
- Demonstrate an understanding of the commutative law (the law that says you can swap numbers around and still get the same answer when you add or multiply, e.g. $3 + 2 = 5$, therefore $2 + 3 = 5$).
- Read, write and interpret number sentences involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs.

In **RE**, the children will explore the question 'What do Christians believe God is like?' and in **SMSC** (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) the children will learn about 'Me and My Relationships'.



In **Computing** lessons, the children will learn about 'Technology Around Us'. In this unit, children will learn that they need to keep their personal information private and begin to recognise how others use technology outside of school.



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While in **Art**, they will be exploring how they can make marks purposefully using different media. In **PE**, they will be having taekwondo lessons with Gary Burdock from Discovery Martial Arts, and they will usually have these on a Thursday.

If you ever have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher or email year1@marineacademy.org.uk. We are really looking forward to another great year ahead!

Yours sincerely,

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Miss Helen Sanders

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Year 1 Term 1 Dinosaurs

Dinosaur Species


Tyrannosaurus Rex


Stegosaurus


Pterodactyl


Plesiosaur


Triceratops


Mary Anning Fossil Hunter

Vocabulary

fossil
bones
exist
extinct
alive
the past
history

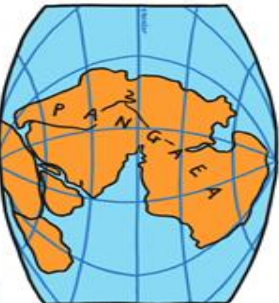
species
palaeontologist
dig
excavate
rock
world
Pangaea
asteroid

survive
millions of years
ago

Dinosaurs Timeline



Map of Pangaea



Map of the World Today

