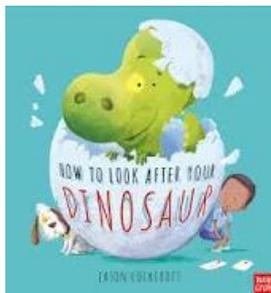


# Spring Term



## Literacy

This week we will be reading the book, 'How to Look After Your Dinosaur' by Jason Cockcroft.

Here is the link to the home learning for this week.

[home learning link week 8.pdf](#)

Things to do to help at home:

- Encourage your child to retell the story
- The story is about a new pet fitting into the routine. Can your child talk about a pet at home, or their bedtime routine?
- Encourage your child to respond to and follow instructions.
- Encourage your child to ask questions with a variety of 'starters' e.g. who, what, where, why, how, and then to listen carefully to the answer.
- Help your child to hold a pencil effectively, using a tripod grip, during mark making.
- Play listening games – hide an object behind your back i.e. a set of keys, bells etc. Can your child recognise the sound?
- Practise recognising familiar voices, tunes, humming to music.

Our Nursery Rhyme this week is "Pat-A-Cake". Please find the lyrics below.

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man.

Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

Pat it and prick it and mark it with B,

And bake it in the oven for baby and me.

## Maths

This week we will be learning about weight. We will introduce picture cards for heavy, light and balanced. We will also introduce a set of scales and explain that they must start balanced. When an object is added the buckets will move: the heavier object will go down and the lighter object goes up. The children will be given different objects to investigate. We will then discuss which they think will be heavy and which will be light. Address any misconceptions i.e. the bigger objects will always be heavier.

Things to do to help at home:

- Find different everyday items at home to weigh. If you don't have scales you can use your hands to represent them.
- Continue to provide opportunities for your child to count by rote, forwards and backwards.
- Sing counting songs.
- Continue to encourage your child to recognise numbers to 5.
- Provide opportunities for your child to count out groups of items e.g. "Can you get me 4 forks" when laying the table.
- Use puzzles & games.

## Dates for the Diary

- Don't forget... Thursday 5th March is World Book Day! Come to school dressed in your pyjamas!
- Mothers' Day Craft Session – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Wren - 9-9.45am  
Sparrow – 2.30-3.15pm