



Ernesettle Community School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Term two has been filled with more brilliant learning from Pre-School where we have experienced many more magical moments together. In term three our topic will be 'A land before time', each week the children will complete a WOW activity linked to our topic during independent learning time.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Becoming a Cave-Person	Digging and searching for bones	Fossil Printing	Comparing and making a collage of footprints	Exploring and preparing pre-historic snacks	Designing explosive volcanoes

During our topic, the children will discover facts of a world long before their existence through non-fictional stories, as well as learning of dinosaur ways in the story Tyrannosaurus Drip. They will have the opportunity to perform the story and make props to support their learning. In addition, children will also have their very own excavation site, as well as a pre-historic cave where they can role-play.

What a fantastic WOW moment we had! The children followed a trail of dinosaur footprints around the classroom to lead them to some extraordinary eggs. What a surprise it was to discover these were dinosaur eggs and that a story had been left to provide clues for their existence.

The children will continue to have daily Phonics and Maths sessions. In Phonics, children will revisit listening to environmental and musical sounds before moving on to creating sound of their own. Children will also be introduced to a new phonetical 'speedy sound' each week, to support their breakdown and understanding of language. In Maths, we will explore different aspects of space, shape and measure; this will include ordering things by size, hunting for shapes in the environment as well as making different arrangements with shapes and using positional language.

Thank you for supporting us by completing the home learning, it has been a great to see these on your children's tapestry account and to have these shared in class also. There was some fantastic home learning that linked to our topic last term, so please do keep this coming. Learning will continue to go home each week on a Friday and then be returned on the following Friday. In addition, story books will continue to be changed twice a week. Each class has their very own Reading Bear who likes to visit families who share their books on a regular basis; I know some families have absolutely adored having our Reading Bear come to stay for the weekend. Please remember that you can record any home reading as well as #Homelearning and #WOW moments on your child's online tapestry journal.

We hope that you have a safe, Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We can't wait to see you in 2020 for Term Three!

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Hill and Miss Auguste

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