



Chislet C. E. Primary School



11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and see their happy faces as they begin their new adventure in **Class 2**.

We have lots of exciting learning planned for the year ahead, and we are particularly looking forward to exploring our new topics together.

Our Topics

Term 1 – Dinosaurs

Get ready to travel millions of years back in time! Our first topic will be **Dinosaurs**, where the children will learn about different types of dinosaurs, what they ate, where they lived and how we know about them today. We will be using lots of dinosaur-themed stories, activities and investigations to bring our learning to life.

We will also be visiting **Wingham Wildlife Park** this term. Further information and a letter about the trip will be sent home shortly.

Term 2 – Winter Wonderland

In Term 2, we will explore **Winter Wonderland**. We will investigate winter weather, seasonal changes and the natural world around us through a range of exciting stories, activities and practical experiences.

As we approach Christmas, we will also be learning about **Christmas Around the World**. The children will discover how different countries and cultures celebrate Christmas, exploring some of the traditions, foods, decorations, music and celebrations that make Christmas special around the world.

Science – Seasonal Change

Our Science topic across **Term 1 and Term 2** will be **Seasonal Change**. We will observe the world around us and look at how the weather, plants, animals and daylight change as the seasons change.





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Maths

In Maths, we will begin by learning about **place value**, helping the children to understand numbers and what each digit represents. We will then move on to **addition and subtraction**, developing their understanding and confidence when solving calculations and problems.

We will also be learning our **2, 5 and 10 times tables**. Regular practice at home will really help the children to become confident with their multiplication facts.

English

Our English lessons will be closely linked to our topics.

During **Term 1**, we will enjoy a range of dinosaur-themed fiction and non-fiction texts, including *Dinosaurs Love Underpants*. The children will develop their reading and writing skills through exciting dinosaur-based activities.

In **Term 2**, our English learning will focus on winter-themed stories, including *The Storm Whale* and *One Snowy Night*. We will use these wonderful texts to inspire the children's reading, writing and vocabulary.

RE

In RE throughout **Term 1 and Term 2**, we will be exploring the question:

"What is the Good News Jesus brings to Christians?"

The children will explore some of the stories and teachings of Jesus and consider what Christians believe about the good news Jesus brings, including ideas around love, kindness, forgiveness, hope and helping others.

Phonics and Reading

Our **Phonics lessons will begin next week**. Once the children are settled into their groups, they will soon begin bringing home a **reading book and reading record**.

We ask that children aim to **read at home four times each week** and that these reads are recorded in their reading record.

Reading does not always have to be their school reading book. We encourage children to read **anything that interests them**, including books from home, comics, magazines, recipes, instructions,



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information books and even signs or labels. The most important thing is that children are developing a love of reading and practising their skills regularly.

Parent Readers

We would love to welcome **parent readers** into Class 2. If you are able to spare some time to come into school and listen to children read, please speak to **Miss Dean or Mrs Briant**. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Spellings

Weekly spellings for each group will be posted on **Class Dojo**.

We will not have a formal spelling test each week. Instead, the children will use their spelling words through **games, activities and challenges in class**, which will allow us to assess their understanding and progress in a fun and engaging way.

PE and Forest School

Our PE days will be:

Term 1: Fridays

Term 2: Tuesdays and Fridays

Please ensure that PE kits are in school and that children have the correct clothing for PE.

Our **Forest School session will be on Tuesdays during Term 1**. Please make sure children have suitable clothing and footwear for outdoor learning, as we will be outside whatever the weather!

We are very excited about the year ahead and all the wonderful learning opportunities we have planned for Class 2. We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year and watching the children grow in confidence, independence and enthusiasm for learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Briant (Mondays and Tuesdays)

Miss Dean (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)



CLASS 2 HOMEWORK PROJECT Dinosaurs

This term, our topic is Dinosaurs!

Choose one (or more!) of the project options below to complete at home. You can be as creative as you like!

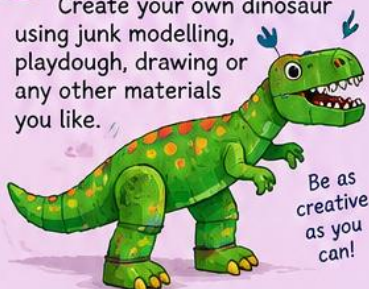
1 Dinosaur Fact File

Choose a dinosaur and find out some interesting facts. You could present your facts as a poster, booklet or leaflet.



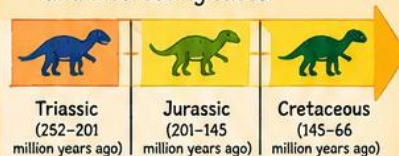
2 Make a Dinosaur

Create your own dinosaur using junk modelling, playdough, drawing or any other materials you like.



3 Dinosaur Timeline

Find out about when dinosaurs lived and create a simple timeline. You could include pictures, dates and interesting facts.



4 Dinosaur Art

Draw or paint your favourite dinosaur. You could use different materials such as pastels, paint, collage or charcoal.



5 Dinosaur Fossil Hunt

Look for fossils (real or plastic ones) and create your own fossil using clay, salt dough or plaster.



6 Dinosaur Egg

Make a dinosaur egg using any materials you like. You could also write a story about what happens when it hatches!



7 Dinosaur Research

Find out about a dinosaur and write a short report. You could include labelled diagrams, key facts or answer questions.



8 Create a Dinosaur Habitat

Design and make a dinosaur habitat. You could use a box, shoe box, or a diorama. Think about what the dinosaur would need to survive.



9 Dinosaur Story

Write your own dinosaur story. It could be a story about a dinosaur adventure, a day in the life of a dinosaur or what might happen if dinosaurs were still alive today!



We can't wait to see what you create!

Remember:

- You can choose one project or do more than one.
- You can work on it with your family if you like.
- Be as creative and independent as you can.
- Bring your finished project in by the end of term.

Have fun and let your creativity
ROAR!