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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We hope you had a restful halfterm and are ready for more fun and learning this term.

Our topic for this term is **Dinosaurs**, your child's learning will be based on core texts including; '**Mad about Dinosaurs**' by Giles Andreae, '**Dinosaur Roar!**' by Paul Strickland and '**We love dinosaurs**' by Lucy Volpin. Attached to this letter is a topic map, which shows the seven areas of learning in the Early Years Curriculum and our focus for this term in each of those areas.

This term, **PE** will again be on **Monday afternoons** and **Wednesday afternoons**. Homework will be set on Fridays, please ensure this is returned by **Tuesday morning**. Please support your child in this work but ensure that they are the ones completing the homework. It is a great opportunity to talk about what they have learned in school and to work together to further this understanding. We will also be sending out a handwriting booklet, please could your child complete four letters each week and return them with the set homework.

In addition to their weekly homework, your child should continue to read regularly at home. Your child is expected to read for **10 minutes a day** at home, with support from an adult. The adult who reads with the child is expected to sign and make a comment in the child's reading record. This comment should focus on how your child has used phonics to read and their understanding of what they have read. We will also make a comment on how well your child has read in school and this is a useful way for us all to track your child's reading progress.

We will have a show and tell session as our final session on Friday afternoons. This provides a fantastic opportunity for children to practise their speaking and listening skills. Please make sure that items are brought in on Friday mornings, and not on other days during the week.

Please feel free to help yourself to the **Busy Bags** in the drawers outside the classroom, they are a great way to extend your child's learning and can be swapped as many times as you like.

Should you have any concerns or questions please come and speak to me.

Kind Regards,

Ms Mitchell
Class Teacher

