



LACEY GREEN PRIMARY ACADEMY

Reception Spring 2 2026

Learning Overview: Dinosaurs

Curriculum Guide for Parents and Guardians

Understanding the world

We will learn about:

- Dinosaurs
- Different occupations such as palaeontologists, police officers and vets
- Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal
- What hatches from eggs
- Signs of Spring
- Fossils
- Healthy eating and hygiene



Key Vocab –

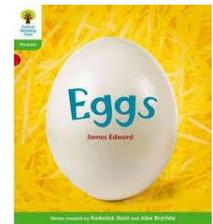
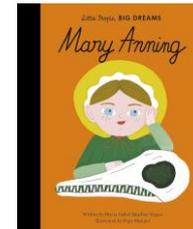
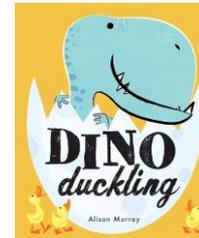
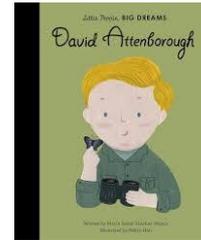
- Carnivore/Herbivore
- Fossil
- Omnivore
- Dinosaur
- Palaeontologist
- Extinct
- Reptiles
- Endangered
- Past
- Old
- Yesterday/Today/Tomorrow
- Now and Next
- Later/earlier



Literacy

We will learn about:

- Non-Fiction books all about dinosaurs, fossils, life cycles and the world around us.
- New vocabulary through high quality texts and poetry
- The book 'Dino Duckling' by Alison Murray
- How to spell words by identifying the sounds
- How to write lists, labels and simple sentences



Physical Development: All about Target Games

We will learn to:

- Throw a ball underarm at a target
- Shows increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it
- Work with others and take turns
- How to stand when throwing accurately
- Strike a ball with our feet for power
- Kick a ball with some accuracy with both feet
- Roll and control a ball



Children will have opportunities to develop their gross motor skills every day in the Reception outdoor area and PE lessons once a week.

Fine motor skills are developed through a range of activities in the classroom.

Expressive Arts and Design



We will learn to:

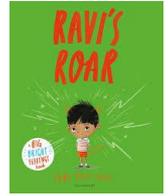
- Create art work and structures based around fossils, spring and living things.
- Explore different materials freely, to develop ideas about how to use them and what to make.
- Explore colour and colour mixing using primary colours.
- Use drawing to represent ideas.



Religious Education & PSHE

We will be learning:

- That some places are special to members of their community.
- All about Easter.
- How people celebrate in different ways.
- All about Holi.
- Read 'Ravi's Roar' to discuss our feelings and look at strategies to help us calm down.
- Use stories to discuss how to become more confident in trying new activities.



Music

We will be :

- Listening attentively, moving to and talking about music, expressing feelings and responses.
- Playing instruments with increasing control to express feelings and ideas
- Using instruments to make loud and quiet sounds



Design and Technology Week

We will be focusing on the big idea:

- Constructing and modelling boats

We will be:

- Researching the Vikings
- Planning and designing boats
- Exploring materials for an intended purpose
- Exploring different types of boats and the materials they are made out of and why.
- Building our own boats based on our design and research



Mathematics

We will learn about:

- Comparing numbers to 10
- Representing 9 and 10
- Conceptual subitising to 10
- 1 more and 1 less
- Number bonds to 10
- Doubles to 10
- Explore even and odd numbers
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Days of the week
- Finding and continuing patterns

