

# Welcome to Class 1

Hi!

I'm Miss Costa and I will be teaching Class 1 in September. We also have the lovely Mrs Jenkins working in our class.

We are really looking forward to sharing lots of new learning experiences with you and having plenty of fun along the way!

I love singing, reading, art, design and history so there will be lots of those kinds of activities in Class 1. 😊

Have a look at this presentation with your grown ups at home, so you know what to expect next year.

Please ask if you have any questions!





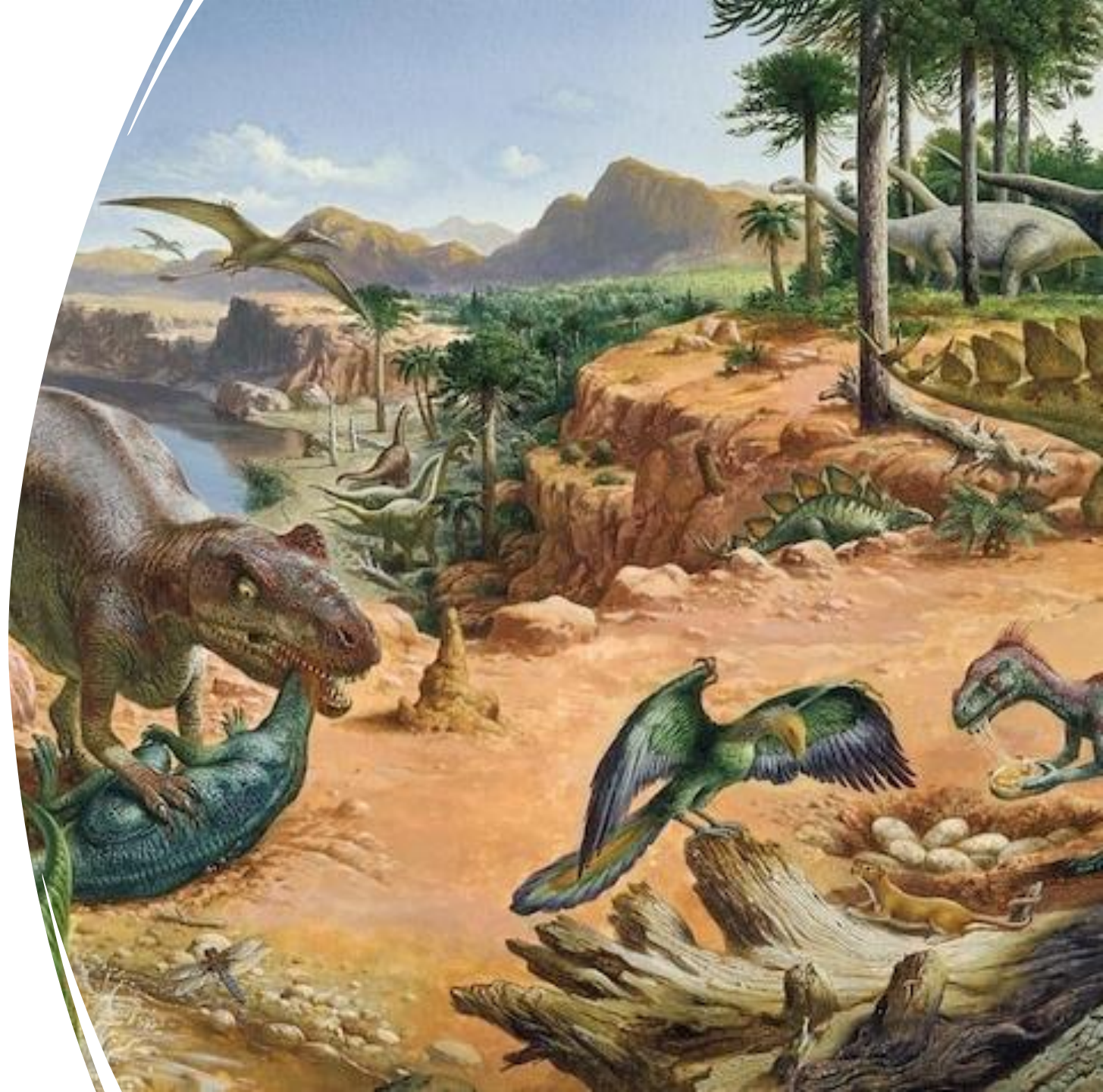
# Topic taster

Our first topic next term is called '**Stomp and Chomp!**'  
It is all about dinosaurs and other large creatures!

# Our first topic!

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- We will link a lot of our learning to our topic. We will have dinosaur poetry, non-fiction instruction writing about how to train your dragon (or choice of large pet) and dinosaur themed science investigations!
- To launch our new topic, we will have a Dinosaur dress up day on Monday 12th September.
- You can wear anything you like that fits our topic theme – it could be a full dinosaur costume, a dinosaur t-shirt, or even dress as a paleontologist!



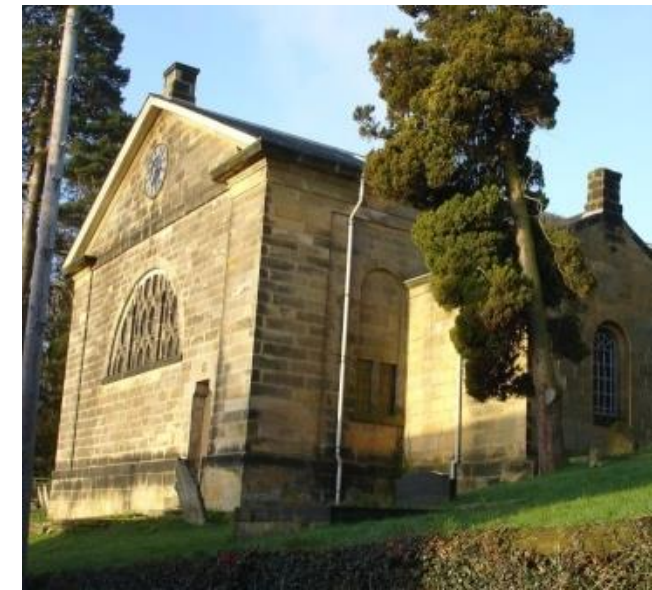
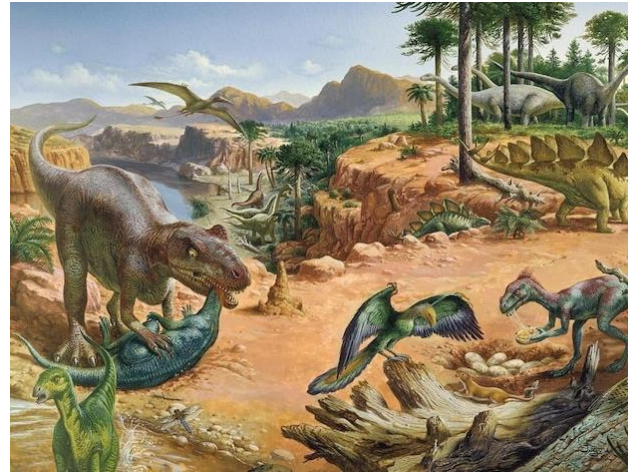
# Other learning

Next year we will also be learning about:

**Science:** Animals and their habitats.

**Geography:** More about the continents and oceans, and where dinosaurs came from!

**History:** Dinosaurs, all about Holbrook and the history of the Mills.



# Let's get reading

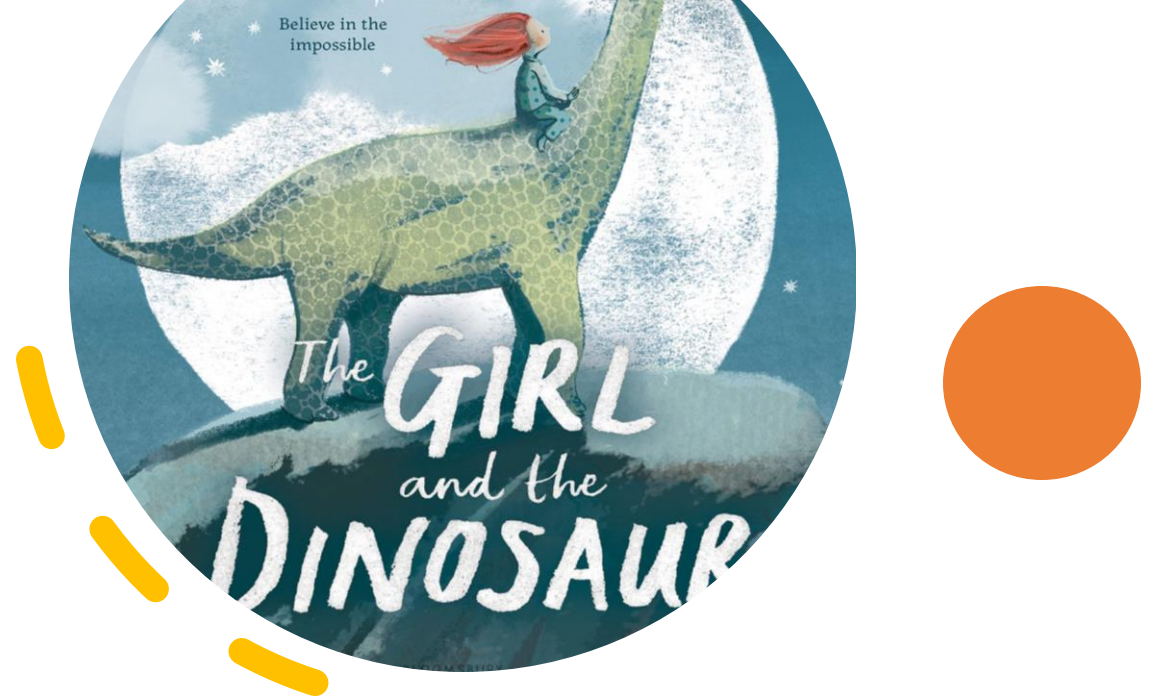
In Class 1, we have **daily phonics** to build our decoding and blending skills. These skills help us to become more fluent readers.

We will also have a **main class story or text** which we will read together (usually one or two each term), and many of our lessons will be linked to this. Next year, we will continue to have a variety of books to support our topic exploration.

We will **work in groups** to develop key skills such as inference and prediction, as well as regular one-to-one reading.

As you know, reading is not just about decoding words. It also allows our imaginations to blossom, exposes us to adventure, teaches us new ideas and vocabulary and much more!

It is important that we **read to an adult regularly at home**. As well as reading books from school, it is important to foster a love of reading by experiencing a range of texts.



# Homework

Homework supports our learning and is a fun way of sharing what we are doing in school with a grown up at home. It will be as practical as possible and sent home on a Friday.

When we start spellings, new words will be given each Friday alongside the homework and we will have a quiz the following Friday.

Sometimes, we might do special projects that are linked to our topic learning.



Read at least 3 times a week to an adult	Practise phonics skills using videos or simple tasks on Class Dojo	Mid-year, we will get a spelling list weekly	Maths activity, often online	A home learning task which could be talking with an adult, creating something or finding something out. This could be weekly, or be a longer project.
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# Class Dojo

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We are very excited to continue using Class Dojo to share what we have been up to in class and share our work with families.

If there are any problems, please contact the office so that we can help.

Class Dojo can be used to send the class teacher a message, however please remember:

- You shouldn't share information of a sensitive nature in a Class Dojo message.
- Be mindful of teacher's workload – please don't message in the evening and please be positive. Any problems or concerns should come through the office.
- Teachers may not respond the same day to messages so don't message with anything urgent – the school office email should be used for any important messages.



# What else do you need to know?

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As a Year 1 pupil, you are now ready to be...

- More independent in your learning
- More responsible for your work and belongings
- More responsible for your choices
- A good role model for our new friends in Reception

You can continue to earn Dojo points by showing positive behaviour such as helping others, working hard, being kind to others and making good progress in your learning. Remember, Dojos can be used to earn prizes too.

We will also keep on having a 'Lion of the Day' which will be chosen before home time.

We will still have regular 'Show and Tell' time because it's important to value and celebrate everyone's achievements. If you'd like to share some exciting news/objects, just let me or Mrs Jenkins know, and we will be happy for you to share it!



We can't wait  
to welcome  
you back to  
Class 1!