

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been dinosaur week here at Flying Start! We have lots of children who are interested in dinosaurs, so we decided we would incorporate them into lots of our activities to further engage the children in their learning. The children have used playdough to make and count dinosaur spikes and have made dinosaur fossils. They've been on a dinosaur dig and made maps to go on a dinosaur hunt. There has been a lot of dinosaur small world play and the children have used our loose parts to further develop imaginative play. We've learnt some dinosaur names and explored descriptive vocabulary. During the week the children showed an interest in using the stencils and parking the cars, so on Thursday we set up paper taped to the floor so children could draw their own road and car park and use the stencils as much as they liked.

Our song of the week: Counting song about little dinosaurs. We practised using our fingers to count.

Makaton of the week: Dinosaur [Video Here](#)

On Wednesday it was International Woman's Week. We discussed with the children women's achievements and how they have influenced society. They were encouraged to share their dreams and understand the importance of equality. We had the mirror set up so the children could look at themselves and draw self-portraits.

Next week is Science Week and we have lots of exciting experiments planned. If you'd like to come and help please send us an email or text.

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Children can come to pre-school with CRAZY HAIR!!

Please bring a donation.

# RED NOSE DAY



Example Loose Parts

## Loose Parts

These are our bits and bobs that we have collected e.g. pegs, curtain rings, lolly pop sticks, shells, stones, packaging, boxes, blocks. The children enjoy using their imagination and creativity to play and explore. Our loose parts are great to support children's different schemas. Schemas are a style of play. Have you ever noticed your child putting everything into a bag, taking it somewhere else and tipping it out? This is called transporting. Have you ever seen your child place objects in lines, patterns or rows? This is called positioning. It doesn't matter what the toy is, it's the style of play that's more important. Children could be lining up cups, coins, cars or animals.

We would like to have more loose parts resources for the children to use. Please find attached a poster with some ideas of what we can use. **Donations very welcome!**

## Dates to Remember

### Spring Term

Monday 20th February - Friday 31st March

### March

Monday 13<sup>th</sup>: British Science Week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – Little All Sports

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: St Patrick's Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: Red Nose Day (CRAZY HAIR DAY!)

Monday 20th: World Oral Health Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Chicken Eggs!!

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Primary Moves Dance Workshop

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Little All Sports

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – Rev Anne visit

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