



## A Moment In Time: Learning from the Past for Our Future

This theme will give children the chance to explore significant moments in history; this could be people, ancient civilisations or key time periods. Children will learn about what happened in these 'moments in time' but most importantly, what it has taught us or the impact it had on their world today. History is the main driver in all year groups, so children will gain an understanding of chronology and use various skills to unpick and investigate a range of sources and evidence. There are lots of opportunities to link other subject areas to help to deepen and enrich the learning, along with enrichment opportunities such as trips and visits.



### Reception - Dinosaurs

Throughout this focus, children will become dinosaur experts by exploring the history of dinosaurs. Children will investigate fossils and learn all about the first 'dino experts' (palaeontologists). They will learn facts about dinosaurs and speculate about dinosaur families and their behaviour. Through Understanding of the World children will look closely at fossils and learn about fossilised dinosaur eggs. They will learn the meaning of becoming 'extinct'.

In English, children will learn about dinosaurs through 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' where they will be able to explore and discover various dinosaurs through careful observation and build a rich bank of describing words to create their own class dinosaur story.

Communication and language will enable children to discuss their findings about dinosaurs and talk about their investigations of fossil evidence.

Through EAD, children will have the opportunity to use their own creativity to design and make their own dinosaurs.

Finally, in DT the children will be inspired by the diet of a dinosaur and think about healthy eating. They will create their own healthy dinosaur feast of Dinosaur savoury snacks and swamp smoothies. Children will also be able to showcase their creative skills by creating dinosaur inspired instruments and music.

### Theme Impact

Children will have of an awareness of chronology and how long ago this period of time was in comparison to today. They will learn how dinosaurs lived and how they became extinct. They will learn about palaeontologists and use this to investigate fossils. They will have a go at creating their own fossils using salt-dough.

### Catholic Social Teaching

We will focus on the CST theme of Creation and the key question 'How do I show respect for Creation?'. The earth and all life on it are part of God's creation. We are called to respect this gift. We are responsible for taking care of the world we live in and for sharing all the wonders and resources the earth gives us. We will look at the habitats dinosaurs lived in and compare the world from now to then. Our changing environment prompts us to stop and think about how we live on our planet. As Pope Francis highlights, we are called to respond and to adopt new ways of living.

### Application

**Can I develop an understanding of the changes over time?** Children are to explore the history of dinosaurs and identify how life was then. They will dig for fossils and discuss their findings in groups. Children will also create a musical show using the instruments they have created, which will be showcased to parents (to be confirmed due to current circumstances).

### PE

Speed, Agility and Travel

### PSED

- Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others
- Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities.

### EAD

Explores the different sounds of instruments.

### Cooking

Fruit Kebabs, Dinosaur Fossil Biscuits

### Chosen texts

