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Dear Parents

Our new Spring 1 Topic in Reception is “People who changed history”. In this topic we will be focusing on two very important historical figures, one being Mary Anning. She is famously known as an English fossil collector, dealer, and palaeontologist who became known around the world for the finds she made in Jurassic marine fossil beds in the cliffs along the English Channel at Lyme Regis.

Anning's findings contributed to changes in scientific thinking about prehistoric life and the history of the Earth. To link with this topic, we have been given an amazing opportunity to welcome some exciting visitors! On **Tuesday 9 January** the children will be able to become fossil hunters for the day, locating and identifying fossils from some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past. Tyrannosaurus Rex, Stegosaurus, Triceratops and a few other surprises are all thrown in.

The children will learn when each dinosaur lived, where they came from, what they ate and much more. The workshops will provide all the fossils, the tools required and an expert to deal with all the burning questions from your young palaeontologists.

We have also been told that **TWO** exciting visitors will be joining us for a **ROARSOME** meet and greet during their workshops.

In accordance with the 1996 Education Act, we have to ask for ‘voluntary contribution’ to provide your children with this unforgettable experience. We please ask for a voluntary contribution of **£8 per child** which is payable via Parentmail > Payment Item > Shop > Reception Dino Visit. Please make payment by **Monday 8 January**. In the unlikely event that the costs cannot be covered by contributions, the workshop will be cancelled. This will cover the cost of four Paleontology workshops for the four classes and a meeting of two special guests!

Thank you

From the Reception Team