

### Physical Development

The children will be able to choose to take part in lots of activities that will develop their gross and fine motor skills. They will be able to ride bikes, travel across the obstacle course and use the playdough. We will be encouraging the children to be more independent at snack time and when they put coats or wellies on to play outside.

### Understanding the World

We will be asking lots of questions about dragons and commenting on things we notice about dragons. As we get to know the children we will talk about their families and share our Summer holiday news. We will talk about different journeys that the children have been on and also go on our own imaginary journeys in Drama. The children will be using a range of technology to support their learning including Beebots, iPads and the computer.

### Expressive Arts and Design

After discovering dragon footprints the children will design and make dragon traps just in case it decides to come back! We will construct our own dragons using a range of media and materials. The children will help to create our dragon-themed role play and small world. We will use these areas to encourage the children's storytelling.

### Communication and Language

The children will do lots of story-sharing and storytelling based around dinosaurs. We will create the role play area and small world tray to support this. When telling stories, the children will be encouraged to use new vocabulary they learn throughout the theme. We will be getting better at using prepositions such as on, next to, under etc.

### Literacy

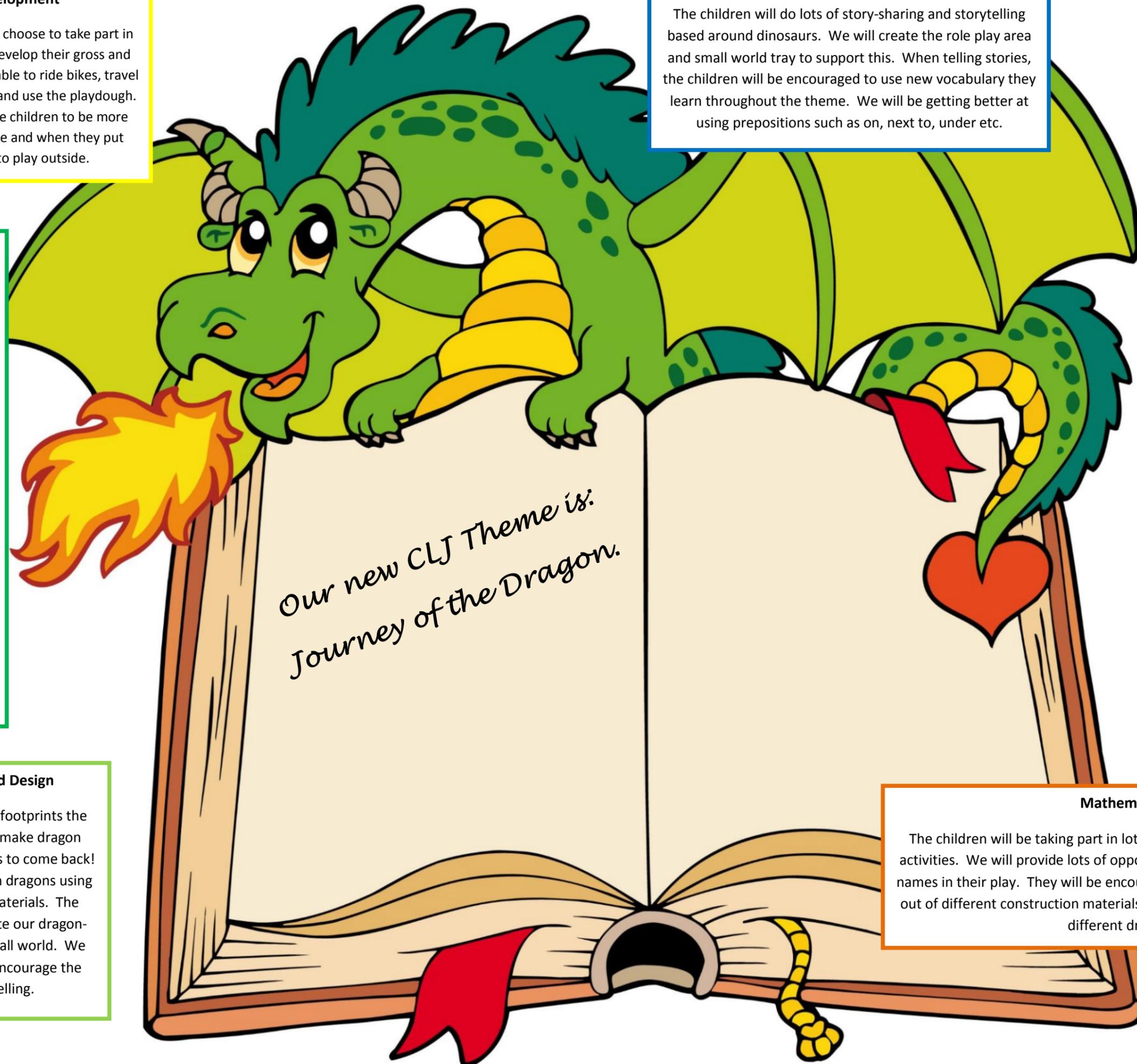
In Literacy the children will be reading lots of stories about dragons. We will be drawing maps of the journeys we go on and we will make invitations to give to our grown-ups inviting them to join in our 'Dragon Trail' to celebrate the end of our topic. We will begin 'Phase 1' of 'Letters and Sounds' working on rhyme and alliteration. The children will self-register so that they begin to recognise their names.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will think about what they want to get better at while they are in Nursery. We will talk about the 3 Golden Reminders and the behavioural expectations in Nursery. We will play lots of turn-taking games and encourage the children to get to know their new friends.

### Mathematics

The children will be taking part in lots of counting songs, rhymes and activities. We will provide lots of opportunities for them to use number names in their play. They will be encouraged to make their own dragons out of different construction materials and we will compare the sizes of different dragons.



*Our new CLJ Theme is:  
Journey of the Dragon.*