

English

The two main themes for writing this term are poetry and poetic language and then a narrative adventure story. When exploring poetic language, the children will be studying the text 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper and will then go on to write some free poems to perform. Our whole class reading text is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will continue to develop our retrieval, inference and writer's choice skills through comprehension questions about the text. In spelling this term we will be revising many of the Year 2 suffixes as well as developing our knowledge of adding new suffixes such as -ment and -ness.

History

We will be studying the significant historical figure Mary Anning. We will be exploring her role as a palaeontologist to develop our understanding that her findings contributed to changes in scientific thinking about prehistoric life and the history of the Earth.

RE

We will begin to explore the Islamic religion this half term and look to understand the beliefs and practices of Islamic followers, Muslims, including their call to prayer and their strong sense of obeying.

Music

This half term we will be exploring how structural elements of music add a certain feel to a piece of music such as pitch, tempo and dynamics. We will look at how different moods are created with music including the use of repetition. Children will also get the chance to compose, play and perform melodies in the form of question and answer phrases.

Geography

We are investigating what makes Dorset special. We will look at its location on a UK map and find significant towns. We will then carry out some fieldwork, record findings about the local environment and present these. We will also be learning about Dorset's economic activity as well as trade routes which include rail, road, air and sea.

YEAR 3 SPRING TERM 1

ROCKS, RELICS AND RUMBLES.

Growing Together to Build our Future

French

This term we will be revisiting our phrases of greetings as well as numbers 1-20. We will continue to practise responding to questions with some clear pronunciation. We will also be exploring foods and likes and dislikes.

Art

This half term, we are developing our pencil skills. We will be learning to draw in small scale and sketch with very light pressure using a pencil to sketch fossils.

Mathematics – Maths No-Problem!

We are starting our Maths No Problem Chapter this term on Multiplication and Division, where we will be exploring the three, four and eight times table. We will then move on to our Further Multiplication and Division chapter, where we develop our methods with larger numbers. Before moving on to length, mass and volume and solve worded problems related to these areas.

PE

This term we are developing our skills in gymnastics, doing point and patch balances and using apparatus later in the term. Our outdoor PE will be focused tag rugby, using a variety of catching and throwing techniques in game situations.

Science

We will be exploring rocks, soils and fossils. We will be sorting rocks into groups according to how they are formed. We will be discovering how fossils are formed and develop our understanding that soil is a mixture of crumbled rock and dead plants and animals. We will be using our scientific skills to investigate and answer questions about rocks and soils.

PSHE

This term we will be focusing on 'too much selfie isn't healthy'. We will be making sure we are thinking of others and how our actions affect other people. This half term we will also focus in on difference and diversity and continue to understand that we are all equals