

English

Our main themes for writing this term are narrative based on the journey of a pebble, writing a character description and retelling part of a story. We will be reading the text 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper and will write the journey of the pebble developing our use of adjectives and expanded noun phrases.

Our second whole class reading text is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will develop a character description and will then retell a part of the story in our own words.

In spelling we will be revising many of the Year 2 suffixes, exploring homophones and develop our knowledge of adding new suffixes such as -ment and -ness.

Geography

This half term we will be collecting data from first hand observations of the birds around Poole harbour from our boat trip. We will analyse our findings and represent it in different ways before summarising our data as part of the fieldwork unit.

PE

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

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.

Computing

We will be exploring computer programming through the use of Scratch. In this programme we will be able to understand how commands have an outcome and to order a sequence of commands to move a sprite effectively. Children will create their own Scratch project as an outcome.

Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

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Growing Together to Build our Future

French

This term we will be revisiting our phrases of greetings. We will continue to practise responding to questions with some clear pronunciation. We will also be exploring classroom equipment and likes and dislikes.

Science

We will be exploring rocks, soils and fossils and 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.

RE

This half term we will begin to explore the Islamic religion and develop our understanding of the beliefs and practices of Muslims, including their call to prayer and their strong sense of obedience.

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 explore and learn about the staff in music. Learning about the parts of the staff and have a go at recording simple rhythms onto it.

Art

This half term, we are looking at an artist called Hokusai. Hokusai was a Japanese artist who created the famous piece 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa'. Inspired by his pieces we will experiment with various materials to help us create a landscape collage.

Mathematics

We are starting our Multiplication and Division module, where we will be exploring the three, four and eight times table. We will then move on to our Further Multiplication and Division module, where we develop our methods with larger numbers.

PSHE

This term we will be focusing on keeping safe, thinking about how we can identify dangers and risks for ourselves. This will include identifying people who can help keep us safe and developing strategies for dealing with risky situations. We will learn about keeping safe online and explore risks associated with drugs and medicines.