



ROCKING AND ROLLING

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter
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Our next topic is called 'Rocking and Rolling' and it promises to be very exciting indeed! It is a geography and science led topic which includes lots of investigation and observation of all things to do with Earth. Next half term, we will consolidate this topic learning with a trip to Lulworth Cove.

Our Rocking and Rolling hook day will be on Friday 23rd February.

Geography
During this topic, the children will be looking at the layers of the Earth and tectonic plates. They will be exploring where volcanoes are found, how they are formed and why they erupt. They will also identify the main parts of a volcano. The children will learn what causes earthquakes.

Science
The children will begin to know how soil is formed from rocks and organic matter. They will learn to identify and group different types of rocks. They will also learn how fossils are formed.

Topic Homework
The challenge this half term is to present a fact file about a volcano of their choice. This could be a poster, a diagram with labels, a model with information around it etc.
Due date: Week beginning 18th March 2023.

Music
The children will be learning about Jazz, including ragtime and scat music, singing using call and response and playing simple nursery rhymes.

Reading
In reading, the children will be exploring the book *Krindlekrax*. They will look at the characters and infer their feelings, thoughts and motives, as well as answering retrieval questions.

Maths
In maths, the children will be learning about division, linking in their times table facts with inverses of multiplication. Times Tables Rock Stars can continue to be used at home for times table practise as these remain a focus.

RE
Children will continue to learn about Christianity, learning about the significance of Easter, and ending the unit at the end of the term with a celebration on Easter Treats Day.

Homework

- English and Maths homework will be set every Thursday:
- All maths homework will continue to be set weekly on Atom learning.
- English homework will alternate each week between Atom Learning and a written piece which children should complete in their homework books.
- We would also like to ask that the children complete 10 minutes on TT Rock Stars 3 times a week.
- Weekly spellings are set on a Friday in the children's spelling books and diaries, with homework to be completed in their pink spelling books. These are to be completed ready for the following Thursday.

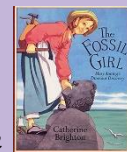
Writing
In writing, the children will be continuing to develop our story writing skills by writing a losing tale, with a focus on speech punctuation. They will then focus on non-fiction writing by writing an explanation text using their geography knowledge.

Computing
The children will be working on digital imagery, using Book Creator to publish a piece of their writing. They will be using devices and software to take and edit their own photos.

French
This half term, the children will be consolidating their learning from last half term, practising reciting the numbers 1-10 as well saying key family members.

Art:
The children will be looking at different artistic techniques such as blending and adding texture and shade through landscape art. They will end the topic with their own piece of landscape art!

Recommended reads:
Why not learn more about fossils and the local area by reading some of these books? *Fossil Girl* by Catherine Brighton or *Stone Bone Girl* by Laurence Anholt.



If your child enjoyed *Krindlekrax*, try *Scribbleboy* which is also by Philip Ridley.



PE
Outdoor PE for 3B and 3D every Tuesday - invasion games.
Swimming for 3M and 3C every Tuesday.

Please remember to send your children in with their full kit for these lessons.