

DORSET EXPLORERS



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter
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Your education should help
you use and develop your
talents and abilities.

Our first summer topic is a geography led topic called 'Dorset Explorers', focusing on the surrounding areas of Dorset and its natural beauty. We will consolidate this topic learning with a trip to Lulworth Cove.

Music

We will continue to promote a love of music in Year 3 by learning all about orchestras in this half term's music lessons.

Art:

The children will be developing their proficiency in painting by studying the work of the Impressionist painter Georgia O'Keeffe. They will then produce their own paintings in this style.

Geography

Year 3 will learn about the county we live in as well the surrounding counties. They will also learn the major cities within our surrounding counties. The children will then focus on the amazing Jurassic coast, learning where it is and why it is so important. We will look at the rock formations which created the Jurassic coast and learn how erosion has changed the coast over time.

Reading

This half term, we will be taking a break from longer narrative pieces by focusing on a number of fairy tales and picture books. We will be looking at *Leon and the Place Between* by Angela McAllister, and *Into the Forest* by Anthony Browne. In classes we will be reading *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold.

Writing

In writing, the children will be practising their narrative writing skills by writing a suspense story based on the book *Into the Forest* by Anthony Browne. They will also be writing persuasive letters about preserving the local heathland as part of our *Home Sweet Home* geography topic.

Recommended reads:

Why not try *Runaway Robot* by Frank Cottrell Boyce, or try another picture book by Anthony Browne such as *The Tunnel*.



Science

In our science lessons, we will be learning all about plants, investigating what plants need to grow and survive, and how water transports in plants.

Maths

This half term, the children will be looking at fractions. They will also begin learning about angles in shapes.

Computing

This half term, the children will be learning some different coding techniques to animate pictures and create moving features.

RE

We will study Buddhism to further develop the children's understanding of religions from around the world.

French

In French lessons we will be recapping words for pets and learning how to have a short conversation about what pets they have at home.

PE

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

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

Topic Homework

We would like you to research a county or a city in the UK. Choose how to display the information. It could be a poster, fact file, power point presentation or collage of pictures.

Due date: W/b 20th March 2024

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.