



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.

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.

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.

Writing
In writing, the children will learn how to catch *Krindlekrax* through instructional writing that captures the reader's interest. Later in the term, they will perform poetry, thoughtfully using pace, tone, and expression.

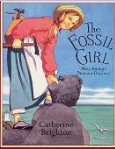
Art:
The children will be looking at different artistic techniques such as blending and adding texture and shade through landscape art. They will end the topic with their own piece of landscape art!

Science
The children will develop an understanding of how soil is formed from rocks and organic matter. They will learn to identify and classify different types of rocks and understand the process of fossil formation.


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.

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.

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.



Religion and Worldviews
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.

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.

PE
Outdoor PE for 3G and 3J every Tuesday - invasion games. Swimming will continue for 3C and 3D every Tuesday.

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

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 16th March 2026.

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 set biweekly 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 three 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.