

DORSET EXPLORERS



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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 as the neighbouring counties. They will also explore the major cities within these counties. The children will then focus on the amazing Jurassic Coast, discovering where it is and why it is so significant. They will investigate the rock formations that created the Jurassic Coast and learn how erosion has shaped the coastline over time.

Reading

This half term, we will begin by looking at poetry. Then we will be focusing on our class reader, 'Leonora Bolt - Secret Inventor' by Lucy Brandt.

Writing

In writing, the children will be writing a suspense story in which we will be recapping how to use speech punctuation accurately as well as applying descriptive narrative skills.

Recommended reads:

This half term we are reading 'Leonora Bolt - Secret Inventor' by Lucy Brandt. Why not try other books by Lucy Brandt, such as 'Deep Sea Calamity', 'Eco Engineer' and 'The Great Gadget Games'.

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.



Science

In our science lessons, we will be exploring plants discovering what they need to grow and survive, and investigating how water is transported through them.

RE

This half term, we will be learning about Hinduism to deepen the children's understanding of world religions. The children will explore the beliefs and teachings of Hinduism, including learning about Brahman. They will also find out about a Mandir, the Hindu place of worship.

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 3D and 3C every Tuesday - invasion games.
Swimming for 3G and 3J 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 city in the UK and present what you discover in a format of your choice. This could be a poster, fact file, PowerPoint presentation, or a collage of pictures. Due date: Week beginning 18th May 2026

Homework

- English and Maths homework will be set every Thursday:
- Maths homework will continue to be set weekly on Atom Learning.
- English homework will alternate each week between a task on Atom Learning and a written activity to be completed in the children's homework books.
- We also ask that the children spend 10 minutes on TT Rock Stars three times a week.
- Weekly spellings will be given out every Friday in the children's spelling books and diaries.
- Spelling homework should be completed in their pink spelling books and handed in by the following Thursday.