

The Teachers in Year 3 are: Dazzling Dolphins: Mrs Miller and Mrs Dewsbury, Magnificent Monkeys: Mrs Sanchez-Rosemurgey.

The Teaching Assistants are: Mrs Grimes and Mrs Ali

Our Topic this Term is 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles'

This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity. Children will explore the importance of Mary Anning and her discoveries, look at a range of fossils, including the process of how they are made, and will explore the Ring of Fire. Towards the end of the topic, the children will be part of a team of scientists, geologists and volcanologists sent to investigate the potential dangers of tectonic activity, taking part in their own volcanic explosions.

English

This half term we will be learning how to write a biography, using the biography of David Attenborough as a model. Children will look at what features are needed, including fronted adverbials, reported speech, chronological order and topic vocabulary, before writing their own biographies about Mary Anning. Children will then explore writing a diary entry, again looking at specific features before writing their own, based on the text Escape from Pompeii.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

Rocks, Relics and Rumbles is a topic that children enjoy each year. Can you make an information poster about Mary Anning, the famous fossil collector, including images and interesting facts?

If you want to be creative, investigate and create a 3D model of the layers of the Earth using a range of materials.

Maths

Our learning for this half term will be:

- Place value
- Rounding
- Addition and subtraction by partitioning
- Multiplication and division
- Right angles within shapes

General Reminders:

Home Learning: Your child will be able to access home learning activities through Purple Mash. Children will also receive a homework booklet. This will include activities linked to Maths and English.

Spellings: Weekly spellings are now on teams on the children's iPads. Children and to practise these ready for their spelling test which will take place every Monday.

PE: PE will take place every Monday and Tuesday. Children will be in the hall for their PE session on a Monday and outside for their Tuesday PE session. Please ensure children wear the appropriate PE kits (white tops, black bottoms and black plimsolls/trainers) when they come to school so they can participate in the lessons. Ear-rings must be removed at home on each P.E day. Long hair also needs to be tied back out of the way.

Reading: Please continue to read your child's school book regularly and read with them on MYON. Quizzes can be completed at home through AR and MyOn.

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child brings their bottle to school every day. They should contain water only.

Healthy Snack: No snack is provided in Year 3. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack (a piece of fruit) every day for snack.

Useful Websites:

Alongside Purple Mash, Sumdog and TT Rockstars, useful maths games can also be found on:

Topmarks - [Topmarks: teaching resources](#), [interactive resources](#), [worksheets](#), [homework](#), [exam and revision help](#)

BBC Bitesize is fantastic for all subjects.

Spring Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet Day.
Thursday 15th February: Last day of term.
Friday 16th February: INSET day.
Monday 26th February: Return to school.

Any other Information

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year so far. Please could you continue to ensure that children's iPads are charged at home ready for each day. We're looking forward to another great term with the children.