

## English

The two main themes for writing this term are poetry and poetic language and then a narrative adventure story. When exploring poetic language, the children will be studying the text 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper and will then go on to write some free poems to perform. Our whole class reading text is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will continue to develop our retrieval, inference and writer's choice skills through comprehension questions about the text. In spelling this term we will be revising many of the Year 2 suffixes as well as developing our knowledge of adding prefixes such as sub and tele.

## Geography

We are investigating what makes Dorset special. We will look at its location on a UK map and find significant towns. We will then carry out some fieldwork, record findings about the local environment and present these. We will also be learning about Dorset's economic activity as well as trade routes which include rail, road, air and sea.

## PE

This term we are developing our skills in dance, using changes of direction, speed and levels with guidance. We will then create short dance phrases that communicate an idea. Our outdoor PE will be focused tag rugby, using a variety of catching and throwing techniques in game situations.

## History

We will be studying the significant historical figure Mary Anning. We will be exploring her role as a palaeontologist to develop our understanding that her findings contributed to changes in scientific thinking about prehistoric life and the history of the Earth.

## Computing

We will be learning about branching databases. The children will collect, analyse, evaluate and present data and information using software. They will also sort objects using just 'yes' or 'no' and complete a branching database.

## ROCKS, RELICS AND RUMBLES.

### YEAR 3 SPRING TERM 1

## Working Together to Build our Future

## French

This term we will be revisiting our phrases of greetings as well as numbers 1-20. We will continue to practise responding to questions with some clear pronunciation. We will also be exploring foods and likes and dislikes.

## Science

We will be exploring rocks, soils and fossils. We will be sorting rocks into groups according to how they are formed. We will be discovering how fossils are formed and develop our understanding that soil is a mixture of crumbled rock and dead plants and animals.

## RE

We will be developing our understanding of Christianity. We will learn that Christians believe Jesus is one of the three persons of the Trinity: God the Father, God the son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit.

## Music

Through music we will be learning about different instrument families in the orchestra and specific instruments within each. We will create musical ideas to accompany part of our 'The Pebble in my Pocket' story, manipulating pitch, duration, dynamics and timbre resulting in a final performance.

## Art

This half term, we are developing our pencil skills. We will be learning to draw in small scale and sketch with very light pressure using a pencil.

## Mathematics – Maths No-Problem!

We are continuing our Maths No Problem Chapter this term on Further Multiplication and Division, where we develop our methods with larger numbers. We will then explore length, mass and volume and solve worded problems related to these areas.

## PSHE

This term we will be focusing on too much selfie isn't healthy. We will be making sure we are thinking of others and how our actions affect other people.