

Year 3 Newsletter



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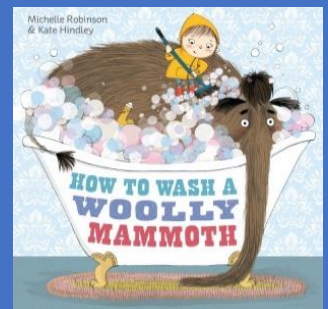
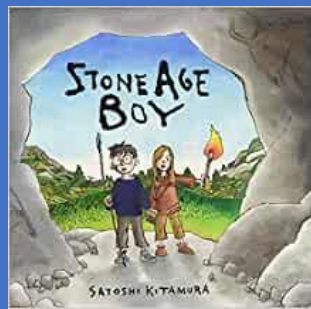
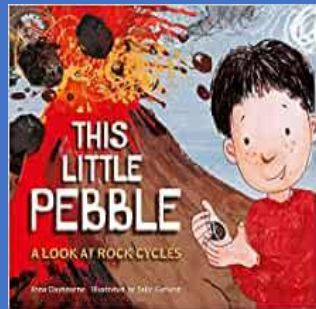
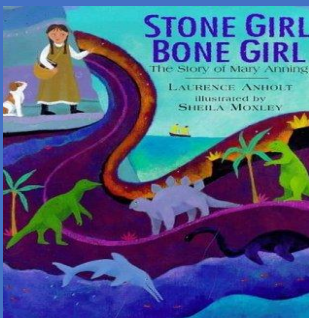
Autumn Term 2

Monday 30th October 2023
to
Tuesday 19th December 2023

Theme – Rock On!

Our topic theme for this half term is called Rock On! This is a science and history based theme, where we will be learning about rocks and fossils and about life in prehistoric Britain. Our English work is also linked to the theme.

What will we read this half term?



How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth by Michelle Robinson is a step-by-step guide to the mammoth task of cleaning this animal. We will be using one of our reading gems to predict what will happen in this interesting text. Stone Age Boy is a wonderful story about a time travelling young boy who has exciting adventures with his new friend Om. Stone Age Bone Girl tells the amazing real-life story of Mary Anning and her achievements in Lyme Regis. Through reading This Little Pebble, we will learn about rock cycles and the journey that a small rock has been on.

We will also be reading a range of non-fiction texts about Prehistoric Britain.

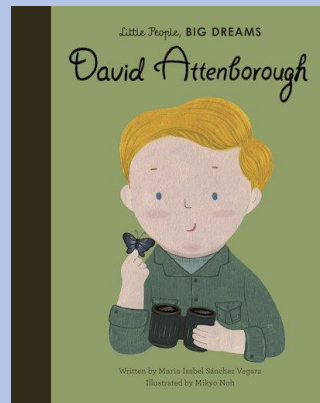
What will we learn this half term?

Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage and rationales for teaching. Please take time to read them.

Our School Values

Achieve Care Value Listen Help

Our focus for this half term's value is 'Help'. We will be learning about the life and achievements of Sir David Attenborough, and how he is continuing to help Planet Earth.



English

In English, we will be writing a set of instructions based on the text How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth. Then we will be moving on to writing a story using Stone Age Boy as a starting point.

During whole class reading activities, we will continue to look at the Reading Gems which are skills we use as a reader. The Reading Gems are: predict, decode, summarise, relate, compare, infer, retrieve, define, explore and, above all, enjoy.

We will continue to practise weekly spellings. This half term we are looking at the different rules for creating adverbs using the suffix -ly.

Maths

In maths, over the next few weeks, we will learn:

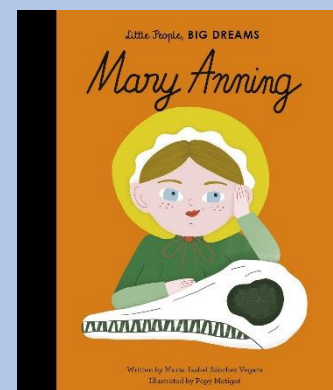
- Addition
- Subtraction
- Estimating
- Problem solving
- Multiplying and dividing by 3
- The 3x table
- Multiplying and dividing by 4
- The 4 table
- Multiplying and dividing by 8
- The 8x table



Science – Rocks and Fossils



In our science work, we will be learning about different kinds of rocks and how they compare and can be grouped. We will be answering the question – How are fossils formed? As well as looking at the fossil hunter, Mary Anning.



Research Topic

History – From the Stone Age to the Iron Age

We will be travelling back in time to prehistoric Britain where we will be finding out what life was like during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Through questions, including 'How did hunter-gatherers survive in Stone Age Britain?' and 'Why was Stonehenge built?' we will be looking at the evidence and answering the questions.



Art

In art, we will be discovering how and why our ancient ancestors made art, experimenting with natural materials to make homemade paints and playing with scale to paint on a range of surfaces. We will look at historical evidence from cave painting and creating our own line drawings.

PSHE

We will be celebrating differences and the fact that everyone is different. We will be looking at family, anti-bullying, problem solving, being kind and giving and receiving compliments.

Music

This is a six-week Unit of Work that introduces the children to learning about the language of music through playing the glockenspiel. The learning is focused around exploring and developing playing skills using this percussion instrument.

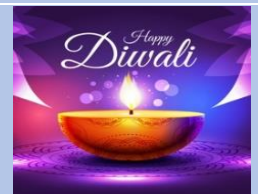


PE

This term we are focussing on a healthy mind and a healthy body. The children will be working cooperatively in team building games and developing resilience and determination. We will also be discovering and learning different yoga movements. In PE, we will be developing our skills in the team game of handball.

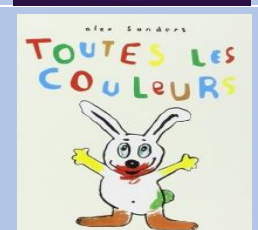
RE

For RE, we will be exploring why festivals are important to religious communities. This will include looking at the Hindu festival of Diwali, the Muslim festival of Eid-UI-Fitr and the Christian festival of Christmas.



MFL

During our French lessons, we will be learning adjectives to describe colour, size and shape. We will be sharing French stories, listening to and singing French songs.



Homework

Homework will continue to be give out each Friday. This should be returned by the following Wednesday. The spelling and times table book (pink book) only needs to brought into school on Fridays. Please continue to support your child's reading by listening to your child read or through sharing books.

Thank you

We had a great start to the year and all the children have settled into their new classes well and are working hard. If you need to get in touch, please speak to a member of staff at the door.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Oakes and Miss Fell