

Music

This half term, the class will be linking their music with their class topic of 'Rocks and Fossils' and will be learning about the musical dimension of timbre.

The class will be learning about the different families of instruments and begin to identify them by sounds through a range of musical activities including listening to the music "Fossils" from Saint-Saens "Carnival of the Animals".

Core Learning Values

Children in Year 3 will continue to work towards Learning Journey Targets at the Rockbourne site. This term we will focus on classroom routines and orientation to the school. Children will learn how to organise personal equipment and resources in their new classroom setting, learning the expectations of them in both learning and conduct. The core learning value we will be focussing on this half term is 'Independence'.



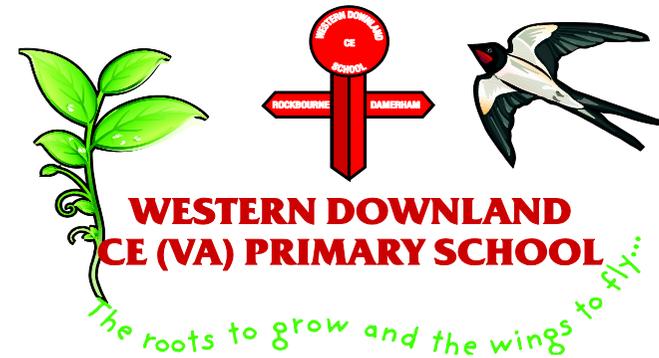
Other Information

Games kit

Monday and Friday afternoon is P.E. for which children need shorts, T-shirt and black plimsolls/trainers. For outdoor P.E, children can wear trainers and plain jogging trousers when the weather gets cold.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be set on Thursday for return the following Tuesday. This will be an English task (15 mins approx) and a Maths task (for this term there will be a focus on multiplication and division facts, 20 mins approx). Children are also expected to practise their number bonds each week. Children will also have a set of spellings to learn for testing. In addition to homework, children are expected to read for 20 minutes daily and to record their comments in their Reading Records at least 3 times a week.



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Curriculum Subjects

Over the next half-term your children will be working hard to achieve new learning targets. I hope they have a lovely time in the classroom and you enjoy seeing your child work with enthusiasm. I have high expectations for each child and would like to work in partnership with parents. So, if you have any comments about your child's learning, please get in touch.

English

To start this half term the children will write the text for a leaflet based on the book 'A Rock is Lively!' We will be focussing on informative texts which link to our topic on 'Rocks and Soils,' using these to identify the types of features these texts have in common. Moving on from this, the children will write a narrative in the form of a discovery story. The children will learn about the historical figure of Mary Anning through several stories and use these texts to examine the structure. They will then compare and contrast the story with similar 'discovery' type stories. Drama and oral story-telling activities will prepare the children for writing their own narratives about a character that makes an amazing discovery. Children will be working on spelling, punctuation and grammar weekly which will be integrated into English lessons. Reading workshops will continue to take place daily, developing positive attitudes to reading and understanding of a range of texts. Weekly spelling tests will take place and will include words in the statutory Year 3 and 4 keyword lists and spelling patterns

Mathematics

We will start off this half term by reinforcing place value, moving onto addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers, working with measures of length, mass and volume, and recognising right angles in shapes. Each day will start with a mental maths session, where children will count in multiples and will be ordering and comparing numbers to, and beyond 1000. A focus for the first half term will be recall of multiplication and division facts, so children will be tested weekly with opportunities to practise during our Early Morning Activities. Please continue to practise these with your child at home. By the end of the year children will be expected to know multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables, in addition to their number bonds to 20 and 100.

Science

The children will explore different types of rock and how they are formed. They will compare and group rocks based on simple appearance and properties. They will learn

about how fossils are formed and the work of Mary Anning. The children will also explore how soil is formed and the different permeability of rocks.

Computing

In this unit, the children will write simple programs to control the position and direction of an object in different simulations. They will begin to learn that computers need precise instructions and many children will also be able to find and debug errors in their programming. We will also be using ICT to present our work in different ways, through the use of publisher, excel and word.

Religious Education

This half term, the children will be investigating what happens during the festival of Divali and whether the celebrations bring a sense of belonging to Hindus. Children will also consider their own sense of belonging to different groups in their own lives.

DT / Art

The children will investigate a range of messenger style bags exploring different design features and materials. They will then learn a variety of simple stitches which will enable them to design and make their own fossil hunter's bag.

Modern Foreign Languages

The children will learn practical communication through listening, reading and writing in French, including introducing themselves and family members, how they are feeling and counting numbers. These sessions will be led by Mrs Soizic Donald.

Physical Education/Games

The children will work on passing and receiving skills, learning how to organise small games in which they practise balance, co-ordination, throwing and catching. In Indoor PE, we will practise gymnastic routines working on core balance and skills.

Personal Social Health Citizenship Education

This unit is designed to support children in settling into the Rockbourne site. By the end of this unit, children will learn to contribute to making a set of class rules to enable children to enjoy school. They will also set own personal targets and recognise and describe their own ability to share and co-operate.

Diary Dates

Welcome to Year 3 meeting- Thursday 15th September

Dorchester Museum School Trip- Wednesday 21st September

Harvest Festival- Friday 30th September

Parent consultations- Tuesday 4th October and Thursday 6th October