

Year 2 Autumn Term 2

LITERACY

We will be learning to write firework poetry and how we can use alliteration and adverbs to make our poems exciting.

This half term we will be looking at a book with a little girl who finds a dinosaur and wishes it to come to life.

We will be learning to use exclamations and commas too.

Key vocabulary – comma, exclamation mark, poem, alliteration.

RE

As we approach Christmas, the children will be learning about Angels and what they mean to different people and religions. We will also be teaching children the events of the Christmas story from the Bible.

As part of creative week we will be exploring the story of Rama and Sita and the Hindu faith.

Key vocabulary – angel, believe, Hinduism, Rama, Sita, Christmas, Jesus.



ROLE PLAY – Fossil hunters.

SMALL WORLD – Dinosaurs

MATHS

This half term we will be learning to recognise coins and notes. We will be using our addition skills to combine coins to make amounts.

We will then be learning our times tables (2s, 5s and 10s). We will be recording these using jottings but will be working on rapid recall of multiplication facts.

We will be teaching the children halves and quarters of shapes and amounts. The children will also be recapping how to tell the time to o'clock and be taught how to tell the time to half past.

Key vocabulary – times table, o'clock, half past, half, quarter, pounds, pence.

Dig, Dig, Dig!



KEY FACTS

- Mary Anning found the first ever fossils of prehistoric animals.
- Mary Anning found fossils in Lyme Regis.
- She was the first person to find a complete ichthyosaurus fossil and she was known as the first woman palaeontologist.

THE ARTS AND DT

ART & DT:

We will be having creative week linked to Diwali. We will be learning to quill and to use clay. We will be adding texture using tools and 'slip' to join 2 pieces of clay together.

Later in the term we will be honing out sketching skills and using different pressure on a pencil to sketch a fossil.

Key vocabulary – sketch, slip, clay, texture.

MUSIC:

We will be singing our Christmas songs. We will be learning how to stay on time and how to learn words. We will also be learning to control our voice to enable us to perform songs well.

Key vocabulary – timing, verse, chorus.

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History- Mary Anning

We will be learning all about the incredible life of Mary Anning. We will be looking at her early life and then how her 'curiosities' were noticed by a scientist.

We will be learning about why her discover of fossils was so important and how it shapes out lives today.

Key vocabulary – fossil, Jurassic coast, Lyme Regis, discovery, Scientist.

PSHE

As part of Jigsaw we will be 'Celebrating difference' this half term. We will be challenging gender stereotypes and learning about how to talk about our differences in a positive way.

COMPUTING

We will be developing our word-processing skills and will be using technology purposefully as a recording tool within our learning. We will be exploring how to change the size, colour and effect of fonts.

Key vocabulary – font, shift, size, Caps lock.

PE

This half term our focus for PE is dance.

We will be creating and learning a firework dance using levels, rolls, balances and cannon.

Key vocabulary – Teamwork, core, balance, travel, cannon.

Home learning

USEFUL RESOURCES, WEBSITES AND BOOKS

- ❖ Book → Mary Anning (Little people, Big dreams)
- ❖ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd4dy9q/articles/zng7gwx> BBC bitesize page.
- ❖ Book → The Fossil Girl.



NUMBER ACTIVITIES

This half term we will be working on our times tables. Please support your child at home to learn their 2s, 5s and 10 times tables.

WRITING / READING ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Create a fact file for your favourite dinosaur.
- ❖ Find out some facts about dinosaurs by doing some internet research. Make sure you are using the internet responsibly.
- ❖ Write a biography about Mary Anning.

KEY WORDS

fossil	Lyme Regis
dinosaur	scientist
discover	coast

CRAFT AND MAKE

- ❖ Make a junk model dinosaur or fossil.
- ❖ Make your own fossil out of salt dough.
- ❖ Draw and paint a dinosaur.

EXPLORE AND RESEARCH

- ❖ Research different types of prehistoric creatures.
- ❖ Find all the best fossil hunting locations on a map of the UK.