



Foxes Parent Topic Leaflet - Spring 1

Rocks, Relics and Rumbles!

Mary Anning was one of the greatest fossil hunters in history - right here in Dorset! Find out how Mary's life changed when she found an enormous fossil on her local beach, and how her discoveries transformed the way we think about life on Earth.



English	<p>Fiction: <i>The Iron Man</i> by Ted Hughes Writing: Adventure/dilemma narrative inspired by Iron Man</p> <p>Non-fiction: <i>Pebble in My Pocket</i> by Meredith Hooper Writing: Pebble poem <i>Daily spellings and weekly dictation to show application of the learnt spellings.</i></p>
Class reader	We will focus on the English stories this half term within our class reading sessions.
Geography	What makes Dorset so special? Mapwork, trade, economic activity.
History	Mary Anning: English palaeontologist
Art	Fossil drawings inspired by the artist Edward Lear .
DT	Finishing our textile decorations with embroidery linked to Diwali.
Music	Learning to play the ukelele - Wednesday afternoons with the Dorset Music Service teacher, Mr Arthur. <i>Please practise at home, take care of your instrument and return to school each Tuesday ready for our lesson on Wednesday.</i>
Maths	Y3: Calculations: Further Multiplication and Division. Word problems. Fractions. Y4: Calculations: Further Multiplication and Division. Word problems. Fractions.
Science	Rocks, Fossils & Soils
Computing	E-mails and Databases
PE/Games	Continuing with Gymnastics which leads into Dance .
Mondays and Thursdays	Continuing with Netball which then leads into Tag Rugby .

RE	Christianity: Trinity - <i>What is Trinity?</i>
French	Days of the week, likes/dislikes, position of colour adjectives in phrases. Finger rhymes, games, French stories and traditional songs.
PSHCE	Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy!
Value focus	Compassion
Trips/events	Trip to The Etches Collection (fossil museum) - date TBC

Must-do activities at home:

- Log in to Google Classroom - home learning set at 3pm on Fridays and should be completed by Friday the following week. This includes reading every day physical books or on Bug Club.

Optional extras at home:

- Times tables - Year 3: 3,4,8. Year 4: 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12.
- Take a trip to your local library - what can you find out about Dorset, Mary Anning, rocks or fossils from the books in the library?
- Try fossil hunting! You could visit Kimmeridge, Lyme Regis or Charmouth perhaps.
- Visit some villages and towns in our beautiful county of Dorset <https://www.visit-dorset.com/explore/areas-to-visit/>
- Find out about rocks, fossils and soils: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt> or do some research about Mary Anning <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd8fv9q/articles/zf6vb82>
- Practise drawing fossils: <https://artprojectsforkids.org/how-to-draw-a-fossil/>
- At home, keep talking about Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy! and using Courage.

Key vocabulary:

<i>palaeontologist</i>	Palaeontologists study the history of life on Earth through fossils.
<i>fossil</i>	Fossils are imprints of long dead plants and animals found in rocks.
<i>rock</i>	Rock, or stone, is a hard material made up of one or more minerals. Rock makes up the outer layer of Earth, called the crust. The tiniest bits of rock make up sand and soil .
<i>soil</i>	Soil is a mixture of tiny particles of rock, dead plants and animals, air and water.
<i>trade</i>	Trade is buying and selling good
<i>rural</i>	Rural areas are areas which are not towns or cities. They are often farming areas.
<i>urban</i>	An urban area is an area where many people live and work close together.
<i>county</i>	A county is a group of towns and the country that surrounds them.
<i>economic activity</i>	Economic activity covers the ways a region makes money

Days of the week in French:

Lundi, mardi, mercredi, jeudi, vendredi, samedi, dimanche