

Foxes Parent Leaflet - Autumn 2 2019 - Stone Girl, Bone Girl



***She sells seashells by the seashore,  
The shells she sells are seashells, I'm sure.  
So if she sells seashells on the seashore,  
Then I'm sure she sells seashore shells.***

Learn about Mary Anning who was a pioneering palaeontologist and a famous fossil collector. Find out why she is one of the most important women in history and why her findings are so significant.

English: Read *Stone Girl, Bone Girl* by Laurence Anholt as a basis for our writing, which will include a description of Mary Anning's treasures in her dreams, diary writing in character, a Fact File, a biography and a formal letter. Our spelling rules and reading tasks will be based around this text. Practise and perform the tongue twister, '*She sells seashells*'! Explore playscripts and rehearse for our Christmas Nativity.

Geography and History: Why is the coastline a good place to find fossils? Research the main fossil-hunting areas of the UK, develop locational knowledge of the coastline around Lyme Regis in Dorset where Mary Anning lived and made her discoveries. Develop map skills of a variety of maps including town maps and OS maps.

How did the discovery of fossils change the Victorians' thinking about the past? Discover how the 18th Century when Anning lived was different to our modern life today.

Science: Rock Detectives

Year 3: Understand of rocks, their relationship to soils and how fossils have formed over time.

Year 4: Focus on classification, comparisons and scientific enquiry

relating to rocks, soils and fossils. Transfer their knowledge to the context of a real world problem such as soil drainage. Draw conclusions using scientific evidence about extinct animals.

Art, Design and Technology:

Use a variety of media such as pencil, charcoal, watercolour, oil pastels and pastels to sketch, shade and colour observations of a variety of fossils.

Maths: Subtraction within 1000 (year 3) and within 10,000 (year 4).

Multiplication and division: Year 3 focus on 3, 4 and 8 times tables, multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers. Year 4 focus on 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 times tables, dividing with remainders and multiplying and dividing 3-digit numbers.

Computing: We are meteorologists – presenting the weather.

PE: Attacking and defending in hockey/rugby. Dance / gymnastics.

Music: Ukelele whole class lessons with the Dorset Music Service. Performance to parents/carers on **Thursday 5th December 1:30-2pm.**

Collective Worship, R.E. and Heartsmart

*Matthew 7.12: Treat others as you want them to treat you.*

Compassion is our school value focus this half term.

In RE lessons, explore Incarnation: What is the Trinity? (Baptism)

Heart Smart will be following the theme: Let the Love in.

Home Learning:

Mary's legacy lives on along the rugged Jurassic Coast - now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are many Learning Links on the Foxes Class webpage that can be explored at home. You may like to pay a visit to Lyme Regis, the Etches Collection at Kimmeridge or even the National History Museum - or you can explore the museums' websites at home.

