

Art

Children will learn sketching techniques using different mediums including pencil, charcoal and pastels. They will study the artist Hakusai and sketch fossils and seascapes. They will also develop their painting skills, painting a seascape following their trip to the beach. Children could find their own materials to sketch with at home like crayons, felt tips and finger painting.

PE

We will be taking part in team building games to strengthen our class bond and develop relationships. We will use the parachute and use our multiskills

English

In addition to daily phonics and reading practice, we will read Stone Girl Bone Girl and a biography of Mary Anning as our core texts for the half term. We will write our own biography of Mary Anning's life along with poetry and letters.

Practice reading at home and ensure your child knows their spellings too. Practice handwriting and ensuring each letter is the correct size relative to the others.

Stone Girl, Bone Girl

History

Children will study the life of Mary Anning who was born in Lyme Regis and made significant contributions to our understanding of fossils and dinosaurs. We will explore her life and reenact her discoveries when we visit the beach ourselves! Ask your child how many facts they can recall about Mary Anning!

Music

Our music will focus on chanting and singing with expression. We will learn a poem and recite it by heart, adding percussion instruments to help us keep the beat. This will form part of Dino Day and parents/carers can watch the videoed performances!

Computing

The focus of our computing sessions will be how to stay safe online and understanding what to do when children feel worried about something online. Check your parental controls are up-to-date and effective and talk to your child about what they do online and what they would do if they were worried. Watching videos and play games with your child online.

Maths

We will focus on place value knowledge and understanding that a two digit number is made up of tens and ones. We will also develop our fluency with number bonds to 20 and adding and subtracting 1 digit numbers from/to 2 digit numbers..

Play Hit the Button to support with number bond recall and ask your child how many tens and ones are in numbers you come across each day.

Geography

We will be studying maps and learning skills to help us read them. We will also be creating our own maps of favourite places with keys to understand codes.

RE

We will learn about different rituals involving water in the Christian and Hindu religion. Has your child been baptised? Explore how water is used in other religions too.

PSHE

We will focus on how to confidently respond to different situations and who we can talk to about things that worry us. We will also think about how we can contribute to our class respectfully and effectively.

Science

We will be exploring different materials and their properties. We will conduct experiments to identify the strengths and weaknesses of different materials and which are most effective for given purposes. Who can find the silliest materials to make things out of like alternatives for umbrellas, flasks, and houses. Why are umbrellas not made out of paper? Why are houses not built from chocolate?