

YEAR 2 DISCOVERING DINOSAURS

LEARNING OVERVIEW – AUTUMN 1



Art

Children will learn sketching techniques using different mediums including pencil, charcoal and pastels. They will study the artist Hokusai 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.



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!

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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.



PE

This term we are practising our gymnastic skills. We are focusing on the 5 basic shapes – tuck, pike, straddle, straight, Star and learning how to travel between them.



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.



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.



English

In addition to daily phonics and reading practice, we will be writing a recount of our beach trip as well as character descriptions and some poems.

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



Computing

We will be learning how is information technology (IT) being used for good in our lives? With an initial focus on IT in the home, learners explore how IT benefits society in places such as shops, libraries, and hospitals. Whilst discussing the responsible use of technology, and how to make smart choices when using it.



Science

We will be exploring different materials and their properties. We will conduct experiments to identify the strengths and weaknesses of different properties and which are most effective for given purposes.



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 discuss how our class will support each other, help us feel safe and enable us to learn best. We will talk about things that worry us and who we can go to when we feel worried.

