

What's happening in Year Three?

For our first half term of Year 3, we will be exploring the theme of Rocks and Fossils. As we embark on a journey to the past, we will be acting as palaeontologists and geologists to introduce our new topic.



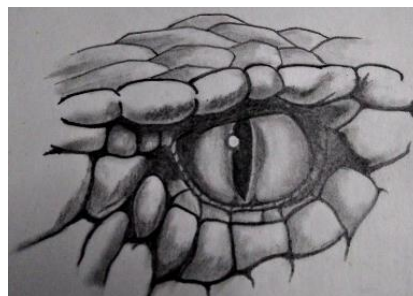
During **English** lessons we will begin by building the children's confidence with constructing sentences. Our class texts are 'The Dinosaur's diary' by Julia Donaldson and 'Little kids first big books of dinosaurs'. This will lead into the children producing their own fact file about a dinosaur. We will then be researching the fossil hunter Mary Anning, to write about her life and discoveries.



Rocks and Fossils

Remember, talk is a great tool for learning so please encourage your child to talk about what they have done each day.

In **Maths**, we will begin by recapping how to tell the time, which is a skill we will revisit throughout the year. Then, we will be improving our fluency with addition and subtraction, before moving on to place value. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know their 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x, 8x, and 10x tables so please practise these regularly at home. TT Rockstars is great for this, and all children have a login they can use at home. You can also support your child by asking them quick fire calculation questions so they get used to calculating quickly in all contexts.



In **Science**, the children will be investigating different types of rocks and how they develop over time. This includes how fossils are formed. We will also be exploring where fossils can be found in Geography and learning about famous dinosaur fossils found in recent times.

In **Art**, we will look at how to improve our drawing skills and produce a final piece of a chalk dinosaur eye.

We ask that you support your child by **continuing to hear them read each day at home**. Once their book is finished **they should complete an Accelerated Reader quiz**. We look forward to seeing who will achieve their reading target! **Thank you!**



Homework

The school will continue with our Teams homework each week on a Friday which will include spellings. Reading and Numbots or TTRS practise. Please ensure that this is completed every week as we will be tracking children's progress. Encouraging your child to **complete their homework** each week will ensure they practise skills learnt in class.

Just a quick note to say thank you for all of your continued support, the year 3 team are all really looking forward to working with your children.

The children will continue to have PE and Forest School every week so please provide them with the correct school PE kit (red t-shirt and black shorts; tracksuits can be worn in colder weather) which they are able to change into quickly, including suitable footwear with fastenings they can manage independently. Please ensure it is **ALL NAMED** clearly. For Forest School we recommend wellies and coats for outdoor activities!

Important Days

P.E: Tuesday and Wednesday

THANK YOU!

