

Curriculum Overview :

We are launching the year with our topic, 'Extreme Environments' where we will be learning all about the layers of the Earth, types of rock and soil, and natural disasters. This will include earthquakes and volcanoes. We will also be learning what a fossil is and how they are formed. We will be sketching them using a range of tools in art.

English :

We are focusing on the text Stone Girl Bone Girl by Laurence Anholt. This real-life story is about the life of Mary Anning, a keen fossil hunter who uncovered some of the first ever complete dinosaur skeletons. We will be sequencing the events of her life and learning to write a character description. We will then be writing a fact-file about the most important aspects of her life, and recreating her discovery story.

Maths :

Maths will be focusing on place value this term to embed children's understanding of tens and ones as well as furthering their knowledge by learning about hundreds.

We will order and sequence numbers, learn to represent numbers in a variety of ways and partition numbers in different ways.

With this knowledge of hundreds, we will begin to place numbers on a number line up to 1000.

Key Vocabulary :

fossil, fossilisation, palaeontology, erosion, eruption, lava, magma, tectonic plates.

Place value, hundreds, tens, ones, before, after, greater, smaller.

Key Information:

PE day: Monday - Come to school in PE kit.

Key Dates :

11th September - Meet the teacher

30th September - 5th October - Book Fair

20th October - 2:30-3pm Learning Landing in Classroom

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