



Year 3 Topic Leaflet Spring 1 Rocks, Relics and Rumbles



In this exciting topic, we will be investigating rocks and finding out how igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks are formed. We will also be discovering what fossils are made from and how they are formed.

In English, we will be exploring the poetic language of the beautifully illustrated book "A Pebble in My Pocket", which takes readers on a scientific adventure through time and across the globe, all by following a single pebble over millions of years. We will also be reading the classic text "The Iron Man" by Ted Hughes and using it as inspiration for writing our own adventure narratives.

In Art, we will be using our sketchbooks to plan and develop our ideas for drawing fossils (just like the famous English palaeontologist, Mary Anning). In Geography, we will be exploring what makes our county Dorset so special. This will include learning to find local places in Dorset on a UK map, and being able to follow a route on a map.

English	Fiction: The Iron Man by Ted Hughes Writing: Adventure/dilemma narrative inspired by Iron Man Non-fiction: Pebble in My Pocket by Meredith Hooper Class Reader: The Legend of Podkin One Ear by Kieran Larwood		
Science	Rocks, Fossils & Soils	Maths	Further Multiplication & Division Length, Mass and Volume
Geography	Continents, Europe, Capital Cities Trade Routes	Computing	Programming and Sequencing
History	Mary Anning: English palaeontologist	RE	Islam
Art	Fossil Drawing	French	Colours / Likes & Dislikes
DT	<i>Not a focus this half term</i>	PSHE	Get Heartsmart: Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy
Music	Unison and Action songs Composing, improvising and performing	PE	Dance & Forest School
Home Learning	Must Dos: Regular reading (and keep your reading record book up to date!), weekly spelling practice, weekly times tables practice and regular maths skills practice on Sumdog and TTRS. Optional 'Extras': Visit some villages and towns in our beautiful county of Dorset https://www.visit-dorset.com/explore/areas-to-visit/ Find out about rocks, fossils and soils: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9bbkqt or do some research about Mary Anning https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd8fv9q/articles/zf6vb82 . Practise drawing fossils: https://artprojectsforkids.org/how-to-draw-a-fossil/		