



Who were the females that rocked our past?

Year 3 – Autumn Term 1A

Writing

During writing this half term, we will continue our Talk for Writing structure to draft, edit and write 2 new genres of writing. We will begin with the imitation stage, this includes learning the text orally, exploring its features, and magpieing key words. We will then build on our creative writing skills by changing key parts of the story to our own ideas before inventing a new text!

Each half term, we will write one fiction, and one non-fiction text.

Fiction: Finding Tale

Non-fiction: Biography.

For our fiction text, we will explore how a story develops through settings, problems and solutions. We will try and include subordinating conjunctions and inverted commas for speech.

For our biography, we will explore its key features and layout through organisational features such as headings, subheadings, pictures and diagrams. We will look at using real facts, short sentences and fronted adverbials for time.

Reading

This half term in Guided Reading our primary focus will be continuing to support children in developing reading proficiency and decoding, this in turn will accelerate their progress in understanding context, read with fluency and expression.

Our Guided Reading text is:

'Dinosaur Cove' written by Rex Stone.

We will complete activities focused on our targeted reading skills:

Predicting, inferring, asking questions, evaluating, making connections, clarifying and summarising.



Please support your child to read the books selected for them in relation to their AR reader level. They should be completing their AR reader quizzes weekly.

Maths

In Maths this term Year 3 will be taught two units of work, place value and addition and subtraction.

Through the place value unit children will:

- recognize the place value of each digit in a three-digit number (hundreds, tens, ones)
- compare and order numbers up to 1000
- identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations
- read and write numbers up to 1000 in numerals and in words

Through the addition and subtraction unit children will:

- add and subtract numbers mentally, including:
 - a three-digit number and ones
 - a three-digit number and tens
 - a three-digit number and hundreds
- add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction
- estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers
- solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction.

PE

HANDBALL

Handball offers students the opportunity to explore and further develop basic passing and catching technique which will develop into conditioned small sided games. Students will need to think about attacking and defensive skills when in these games whilst still working collaboratively with their team mates. Year 3 will also be learning and implementing the basic rules of handball.

Topic

During our first term in year 3, we will go on an exciting discovery in becoming experts in paleontology. We will explore how we can learn about the prehistoric world by digging deep beneath our feet and even finding our own rocks and fossils! We will research an inspirational paleontologist, Mary Anning and learn about her life during the Victorian Times! We will use history skills such as: chronology, historical enquiry and interpretations of history.



Science

In this unit, children will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed. Children will compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties. They will learn how fossils are formed and learn about the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology. Children will understand how soil is formed and then investigate the permeability of different types of soil.

Dates for your diary

Term 1	
Monday 30th August	First day of Term 1
Tuesday 7th September	Year 3 Curriculum Evening
Monday 20th September	Shared Learning Morning
Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th October	Dubai Soil Museum Trip
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th October	Virtual visit from Mary Anning!
Sunday 17th October	Mid-Term Break

Moral Education

Children will learn how to use terms indicating time and show his/her most important lifetime events in the form of a timeline.

Furthermore, they will be able to recognise historical figures from the UAE and understand how they are connected to their community.