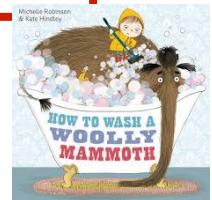


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During next half term, we will be exploring the question 'What can we learn about something that happened in the past?' through the theme of Rocks and Fossils. When we return after the October half term holiday, we will be acting as palaeontologists and geologists to introduce our new topic.



During English lessons we will be looking at how to write instructions linked to prehistoric animals and dinosaurs. Our class text 'Dinosaur Land: The Magic Fossil' by M.J. Misra will help us to develop our knowledge of the topic. This will lead onto the biography writing, modelled on the famous fossil hunter Mary Anning. The children will be encouraged to construct extended pieces of writing.



As part of our theme work, 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.

## Homework

The school will continue with our 'flipped' homework each week on a Thursday which will include spellings. Please ensure that this is brought back to school by Monday to allow time for it to be marked and shared within lessons.

Encouraging your child to complete their homework each week will ensure they practise skills learnt in class.



## What can we learn about something that happened in the past?

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



As part of our Art we will look at how to improve our drawing skills linked to dinosaur eyes and fossils.

We will also be creating our own versions of fossils using a range of materials.

Just a quick note to say thank you for all of your kind messages. Please come and speak to us at anytime. You, your family and child are very important to us and we always want to work in partnership with you.

# THANK YOU!

In Maths next term, we will continue teach the children formal methods of calculation. There will be a big emphasis on mental methods of calculation again, as well as explaining their thinking during maths lessons. 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. You can also support your child by asking them quick fire calculation questions so they get used to calculating quickly in all contexts.



Children can also practise their number knowledge using Numbots.

We ask that you support your child by continuing to hear them read each day at home. You can ask them questions about what they have read to ensure they have understood OR they can complete an Accelerated Reader quiz. We ask that an adult is signing and dating their reading log each week. Thank you!



The children will continue to have PE 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.

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