



Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

Year 5/6 Autumn Term I Curriculum Newsletter

This half term our learning journey will explore: **Dartmoor**

Our Big Question is: **What is the importance of Dartmoor to the local residents?**

Our Destination will be: **To create a field study on Dartmoor which includes facts, diagrams and pictures.**

What we will be learning:

Science: To recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines and use this idea to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye.

Computing: We will plan and design a virtual tour of the Dartmoor Environment using the Kodu programme and explore the our self image and online identify as part of our E-Safety work.

DT: We will building upon what we learn in geography to draw and design a 3D map of an area on Dartmoor

English : We will be using the text : Glass heart by Katherine Orton to inspire our own descriptions of Dartmoor at night before we launch into writing emotive diary entries.

Reading: To use the key reading skills of retrieval, inference, prediction, evaluation and summarising to dive deep into the text of War Horse by Michael Morpurgo.

History: To investigate the history of Dartmoor and its importance , looking specifically at Dartmoor prison and its impact on the local area.

Geography: We will develop our fieldwork skills to be able to use the 8 points of a compass and read an ordnance survey map with grid references. As well as complete field work to investigate the local area of Dartmoor.

Art : We will be taking inspiration from our work in geography and history to complete some observational drawings of Dartmoor which will develop our tonal skills.

Music: To appreciate and find out about the history of folk music whilst composing a piece of our own to perform alongside others.

RE: To discuss why some people do and do not believe in God.

PSHE: To learn how we can keep both physically and mentally healthy as we grow.

Trips and Rich Experiences:

The year will begin with a PSHE focus week based around Friendships and Relationships. There will be creative activities and competitions to help raise the ethos of a supportive and inclusive environment for learning.

We will be working alongside the English National Opera to take part in their 'Finish This' project in order to compose our own pieces of music for an orchestra to play.

Linked to our theme we will be going on a trip to Dartmoor to create a field study of the area. This will allow us to complete items from our Discovery List; Climb a Tor and Make a Mud Pie.

Things to do	Things to read	Things to watch
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use TT Rockstars from any device for free to become a Headliner and master your times tables skills.• Read your reading book for at least 20 mins per day.• Read websites and other materials for subjects of interest. (use kiddle.co. for a safe search)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grab a copy of Glassheart Katherine Orton from a local library.• Read, watch or listen to Warhorse by Michael Morpurgo.• First News : an excellent child centred current affairs newspaper.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check out explorify.uk for fantastic science activities / resources <p>English KS2: War Horse by Michael Morpurgo - BBC Teach</p> <p>Dartmoor - Land of Granite - YouTube</p>

Reminders

- PE lessons for Canberra and Dubai Classes are on a Monday and a Tuesday. Please ensure earrings are removed for PE. Oslo PE lessons are on Tuesday and Friday.
- Homework will be sent home on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday.