



Weston Mill Community Primary Academy

Year 3 Spring Term 1 Curriculum Newsletter

This half term our learning journey will explore:

Dinosaurs and Fossils

Our Big Question is:

What are fossils?

Our Destination will be:

To create a class directory of fossils and dinosaurs .

What we will be learning:

Science — To describe how fossils are formed. To investigate the differences between carnivores and herbivores (dinosaurs). To discover how dinosaurs adapted to the environment.

Computing — To use word processing to design and format the Mary Anning biography.

Maths — Adding, Subtracting, Multiplying and Dividing

English — Narrative – We will study the book “Mungo and the dinosaur island” by Timothy Knapman.

Biography - We will study biographies and write one about Anning's life.

History — To understand where different dinosaurs and fossils fit on a timeline. To research about the life and work of Mary Anning.

Geography — To locate on a map the main fossil hunting areas of the UK.

Art — To create mod-roc dinosaurs. To use plaster of Paris to make fossils – linked to Anning discoveries.

RE — What is it like for someone to follow god?

PSHE — What keeps us safe?

PE — Multi-skills, Dance

MFL — French

Music — To create a piece of music varying in volume and tempo – dinosaur hunt, Drumming lessons

Trips and Rich Experiences:

Year 3's will continue to have Drums lessons.

We will have a virtual tour of the Natural History Museum to explore the dinosaur exhibition.

Finally, we are planning to toast marshmallows as part of our MAT Rich Experience list.

Things to do	Things to read	Things to watch
<p>Practice your times tables!</p> <p>Do your homework ready to bring back in on Thursdays</p> <p>Go outside and enjoy exploring nature, try using the natural materials to create some art at home.</p> <p>Read every day :)</p>	<p>You could find some books to do with our theme at your local library:</p> <p>Mungo and the dinosaur island by Timothy Knapman.</p> <p>Tyrannosaurus Drip by Julia Donaldson</p> <p>BRRR Where did the Dinosaurs really go? by Nick East</p> <p>Don't tickle the T Rex, you might make it roar... by Sam Taplin</p>	<p>There are some great videos about Dinosaurs in the BBC website:</p> <p>BBC One - Walking with Dinosaurs</p> <p>You could also explore the National Geographic Kids website:</p> <p>Dinosaurs (nationalgeographic.com)</p>

Key Dates:

Parents' evening: Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th January

Reminders

- P.E Days: Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- Remember that children come in their PE kits for the whole day.
- Homework will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday.
- Please feel free to like our school Facebook page for regular updates on the children's learning as well as important dates.