Mary Anning The Fossil Hunter

Class 2

Key Area of Learning

HISTORY

MARY ANNING

We will be stepping back in time to the world of Mary Anning and finding out about her life and achievements. We will find out about her discoveries and look at the fossils of Ichthyosaurs and Plesiosaurs, amongst others. We will also discover more about being a female fossil hunter in what was very much a 'man's world'. We will consider how attitudes have changed towards women in science since Mary Anning's time.

Key vocabulary: fossil, extinct, timeline, Jurassic Coast, prehistoric, rocks, science, skeleton, search

ENGLISH

Part of our English focus will be **poetry**, using the book 'Tell Me a Dragon' by Jackie Morris as inspiration for our writing. We will look at poetry features and write our own dragon poem.

We will continue to practise our handwriting and letter formation and to learn and practise spelling rules. We will revisit the Year 1 and Year 2 Common Exception Words to ensure that they are secure.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths we will be telling the **time** using an analogue clock and will practise recognising o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Year 2s will also learn how to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes and to the minute. We will then explore the topic of '**Mass, Capacity and Temperature**'. Lots of practical measuring and investigation will help our understanding. The term will end with more practical exploration for the topic '**Position & Direction**' which will have strong links to some of our Geography learning from earlier in the year.

SCIENCE

This half term, Yr 1s will be exploring the world of **plants**. They will plant seeds and investigate different types of plants in the local and wider environment.

Yr 2s will be taking part in **forest school** sessions, which will be a wonderful opportunity to spend time outdoors and to explore science in natural surroundings.

DT and ART

There will be two projects this half term. In DT we will be looking at **Food and Nutrition**, distinguishing between fruit and vegetables and thinking about where they grow. We will then design and make smoothies.

In Art, we will be working on a whole class mixed media piece of artwork entitled '**Inspirational Women**', using Mary Anning as our inspiration.

COMPUTING

In computing we will continue our **photography** unit, exploring visual effects and editing.

We will then spend some time furthering our general computer skills, such as carrying out efficient internet searches and finding our way around the keyboard.

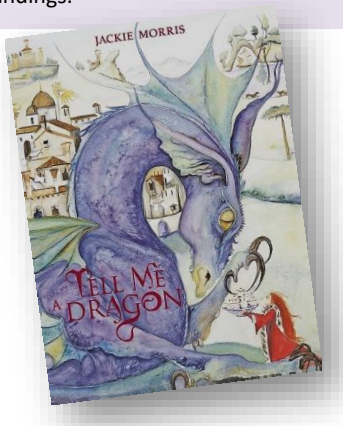
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In RE we will be thinking about what it means to belong to a **faith community**.

We will look at ways in which Christians, Jews and Muslims show that they belong and think about the different groups that we belong to.

PSHE

We will be continuing our work on the theme '**Being Responsible'**, thinking about how we can act in a responsible way and how our actions can affect others.



MUSIC

We will be combining all the music concepts we have learned throughout the year in an **underwater**-themed topic that incorporates instrumental, vocal and body sounds. We will perform an under the sea group piece of music to demonstrate dynamics, pitch and rhythm.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE sessions will continue to be on a Friday afternoon with Mr Holding and Mrs Barron. This half-term, the children will be developing their understanding of the principles of defending and attacking in team games by playing tag rugby.

SMSC & VALUES

This half term, our value is **Love**. We will encourage pupils to show kindness, compassion, and care towards others, following the example of God's love. Through our learning and daily interactions, we will help children understand the importance of treating everyone with respect, building positive relationships, and demonstrating love through their words and actions.