

# DORSET EXPLORERS



Our first summer topic is a geography led topic called 'Dorset Explorers', focusing on the surrounding areas of Dorset and its natural beauty. We will consolidate this topic learning with a trip to Lulworth Cove.

## Music

We will continue to promote a love of music in Year 3 by learning all about orchestras in this half term's music lessons.

## Art:

The children will be developing their proficiency in painting by studying the work of the Impressionist painter Georgia O'Keeffe. They will then produce their own paintings in this style.

## Geography

Year 3 will learn about the county we live in as well the surrounding counties. They will also learn the major cities within our surrounding counties. The children will then focus on the amazing Jurassic coast, learning where it is and why it is so important. We will look at the rock formations which created the Jurassic coast and learn how erosion has changed the coast over time.

## Reading

This half term, we will begin by looking at poetry. Then we will be focusing on our class reader, 'Leonora Bolt - Secret Inventor' by Lucy Brandt.

## Writing

In writing, the children will be writing a suspense story in which we will be recapping how to use speech punctuation accurately as well as applying descriptive narrative skills.

## Recommended reads:

This half term we are reading 'Leonora Bolt - Secret Inventor' by Lucy Brandt. Why not try other books by Lucy Brant, such as 'Deep Sea Calamity', 'Eco Engineer' and 'The Great Gadget Games'.

## Science

In our science lessons, we will be learning all about plants, investigating what plants need to grow and survive, and how water transports in plants.

## Maths

This half term, the children will be looking at fractions. They will also begin learning about angles in shapes.

## Computing

This half term, the children will be learning some different coding techniques to animate pictures and create moving features.



## RE

This half term, we will be studying Islam and Humanism to further develop the children's understanding of religions from around the world.

## French

In French lessons we will be recapping words for pets and learning how to have a short conversation about what pets they have at home.

## PE

Indoor and Outdoor PE for all classes in on a Thursday.

3K also have swimming on a Thursday this half term.

**Please remember to send your children in with their full kit for these lessons.**

## Topic Homework

We would like you to research a county or a city in the UK. Choose how to display the information. It could be a poster, fact file, power point presentation or collage of pictures.

**Due date: W/b 19th May 2025**

## Homework

- English and Maths homework will be set every Thursday:
- All maths homework will continue to be set weekly on Atom learning.
- English homework will alternate each week between Atom Learning and a written piece which children should complete in their homework books.
- We would also like to ask that the children complete 10 minutes on TT Rock Stars 3 times a week.
- Weekly spellings are set on a Friday in the children's spelling books and diaries, with homework to be completed in their pink spelling books. These are to be completed ready for the following Thursday.