

Year 3 - Spring 1 - Rocks and plants

The Tunnel by **Anthony Browne** and **The lost thing** by **Shaun Tan**.

During the half term, we will be reading these two picture books. Using skills such as sequencing, understanding the author's choice of vocabulary and explaining our thoughts and feeling about the texts.

English - Reading

The Iron Man: Our writing journeys this half term will consist of us writing a character description of the Iron man, using similes and expanded noun phrases. Our next journey will be a narrative of the Iron man travelling to his final destination using all the skills from our first journey.

English - Writing

Coming into the Spring term, our longitudinal study on the Trees of the New Forest will consist of us observing the changes to the trees in the end of the winter months. Following this, we will start making predictions and researching how the trees will change in the Spring months.

Longitudinal Study

This half term will see us complete our work on multiplication and division by learning formal methods to solve the multiplication of a two digit number by a one digit number. After that, the children will be learning about money's value as they learn how to calculate change and add amounts of money together.

Maths

Our unit of work this half term is named '**Keeping myself safe**'. Over the course of this unit, the children will be learning about how to keep themselves safe against dangers such as strangers, drugs and understanding the importance of body parts.

PSHE

Rocks: Over this half term, we will be asking and answering the question: **Why are certain rocks suited to specific purposes?**

The children will explore a variety of rocks and understand how they came to exist while also knowing how useful certain rocks are.

Science

This half term will see the children start using **Music Express** and they will begin to learn how create simple compositions using a variety of musical instruments. They will be creating a piece of music around a central idea and communicating there thoughts on other people's work.

Music

This half term will see the introduction of Dodgeball and Volley ball in Year 3. This will be the first example of a non invasion game that the children will be playing this year. Their hand—eye coordination and ball throwing skills are more important now.

Physical Education

Computing this half term will be based upon learning how to use online services such as word processors, PowerPoint presentations and creating projects with other children of the class online collaboratively.

Computing

Over the next half term, children will have home learning tasks. These will include:

- Reading for at least 20 minutes a day with an adult.
- handwriting practise
- Timestable rockstars (TTRS) practise
- A home project related to our science topic 'Rocks, soils and plants'

Home Learning Project