Year 3 - Autumn Term 1 2017 - Theme: Rocks and Fossils

English

- Setting description of a Jurassic picture.
- Descriptive poem about a Volcano eruption.
- Diary entry from a pebbles point of view.
- Imaginative story of a pebbles journey.
- Information text about the Jurassic period.

Mathematics

Number and place value: Represent numbers to 1,000, partition into 100s, 10s and 1s, number lines to 1,000, find 1, 10, 100 more or less than a given number, compare and order numbers to 1,000.

Addition and subtraction: Add and subtract numbers with up to three digits, using mental and formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction. Estimate the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers. Solve problems, including missing number problems, using number facts, place value.



<u>PSHE</u>

In PSHE we are thinking about friendship, what makes us happy or sad and how to resolve differences.

Computing

In computing we will be looking at animations. We will be planning our own story boards, designing backgrounds and characters before finally animating them and adding sound.

Religious Education

We will be looking at the concept of Ritual and why this is different from just having a habit!

Higher Order Thinking

The children are given **English** homework designed to promote higher order thinking skills. These activities allow the children to be imaginative and creative whilst also applying their learnt skills from school.

<u>Theme</u>

Rocks and Fossils

Discover the dangerous and ferocious world of natural disasters and glimpse their savage and deadly effects. Take part in an excavation... unearthing stones, fossils and bones. Compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the



basis of their appearance and simple physical properties.

Discover the property of rocks shaped by the Earth's breathtaking power.

How can you help at home?

Practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables to earn our school badges.

Practise weekly spellings.

Homework to be handed in on a Monday.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome from the Year 3 team.

We have an exciting half term ahead with our first topic 'Rocks and Fossils'. Alongside this, we will be reading 'The Pebble in my Pocket' for English which is set in the Jurassic Period.

Pupils will have the opportunity to take part in our **Dino** Isle trip towards the end of the Autumn term and a morning out at the cinema!

We welcome parents into our classroom for our **Exciting Excavation** morning and look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your Diary

<u>22nd September 2017</u> — Isle of Wight Day trip to Carisbrooke Castle.

TBC - Cinema Trip

TBC - Dino Isle Trip

<u>Wednesday 4th October 9.00-10.00am</u> - Excavation morning for parents to join

Thank you,

Year 3 Team





Parent Information Leaflet

