

TOPIC: Earth Matters

Map work: Reading and locating places on maps of the British Isles and maps of the world using four figure grid references and reading key compass points.

The United Kingdom: Locating key UK cities and neighbouring counties, key rivers, mountains and coasts.

The Jurassic Coast: Locating the Jurassic coast. Who was Mary Anning?

Local area study: A local study of Swavesey, using maps and coordinates and drawing field maps.

Physical and Human features: Identifying the physical and human features of our local area, Sicily, as our European study and Arizona, as our North American study. Making comparisons between places.

PE: A range of physical activities will include

Gymnastics	Hockey
Tag Rugby	Dance

ICT: On-going word processing and Internet research related to topic. We will also explore:

Digital Animation

Online Safety

Touch Typing and Using Email

Effective Searching on the Internet

DT: 2nd half term

Mechanisms - Linkages and Leverages - focused tasks followed by designing and making.

MUSIC:

Charanga (Music Scheme): Glockenspiel Skills and Blackbird Song

On-going: To play and perform in ensemble contexts - using voices. Listen to a selection of music.



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MEDIUM TERM PLANNING - Year 3/4

SPRING TERM 2026

ENGLISH:

We will explore a variety of different text types this term that will include:

- Narratives related to our Class Reading Spine Book
- Non-chronological text types
- Poetry
- Persuasive Techniques

We will be celebrating World Book Day in March with a range of activities.

MATHS: Number work will involve the four operations with a special focus on problem solving, fluency and reasoning.

Shape, money, data handling, time and weight will also be covered.

ART: 1st half term

Study of famous artist: Andy Warhol's pop art and his key techniques.

Using pastels: Exploring pastels to create a volcanic landscape.

Printmaking: Create own fossil image. Use printing technique to create a repeating pattern of fossil - eg string, cardboard with ink and rollers.

SCIENCE: Rocks and Fossils: The children will explore the appearance and the properties of different rocks, and they will study how fossils are made.

Cross section of soil: What makes up soil? Why is soil so important to us?

Experiments: Through scientific investigation the children will study the permeability of soil and observe which rocks are the softest through scratch and rub tests.

Science Week will explore the concept of **Curiosity**.

RE: Christianity - Religious Stories

The children will explore and learn a range of religious stories in a variety of ways.

PSHE: Drug Education - Finding out about medical and legal drugs and how I can keep myself safe. Why do some people need medicine?

Personal Safety - How can I keep myself safe in daily life and online? Who can I ask for help?