

'What's hiding underground?'

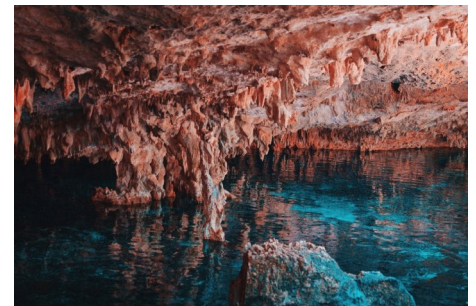


What are we learning this half term?

We will be focusing our learning around 'What's hiding underground?' and our core book is a non-fiction book called 'What's Underground?' written by Gill Munton. We have had a mind mapping session to help us think about all the different things we might find underground. We are going to be learning all about animals that live underground. We are also going to be finding out about a variety of other things that can be found underground such as roots, pipes and fossils. We are very excited to be going to visit the caves at Stump Cross Caverns where we will be able to experience what it is like to be underground. We are also very excited to be going out on an adventure on the school minibuses.

Maths

As usual we will be singing lots of number songs, counting and working on our 1:1 correspondence counting. We will continue to link numerals and amounts: for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral, up to 5. We will also be introducing the numerals 6-10. We are also introducing positional language, talking about where an object is. E.g. in front, behind, on top, under, etc. -all the while keeping maths fun!



Snack Money

Thank you for your snack money contributions for last half term. As some have contributed for the year, we will be putting individual reminder slips in the children's book bags- please look out for these.

6 week term x 50p (25p)

To help with baking and activities could we please suggest the following snack money

£3.00 All Day Children

£1.50 Am/Pm Children

THANK
YOU!

Baking

This half term we are making Queen of Hearts Jam Tarts.



Termly Challenges

We have a variety of home learning challenges for you to take part in over the half term. Look out for these on School Ping. Please feel free to bring anything done at home into school so we can share in your home learning.

Reading

Please come and join us on a **Thursday** morning at 8.30-8.45 or **Thursday** afternoon at 12.30-12.45 to share a story with your child.



Core Story

Our core story is 'What's Underground?' This will be sent home with every child to share during the term alongside an activity pack.

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Loose Parts Play

We are hoping to build a fantastic box full of interesting bits and bobs for the children to explore and play with imaginatively!

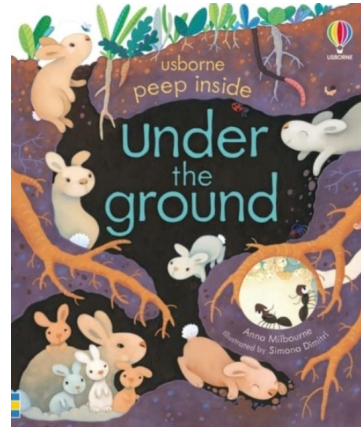


Loose Parts Item Ideas

• tweezers	• kitchen utensils	• jar lids
• beads	• bolts and nuts	• cellophane
• buttons	• piping	• old electrical items - phones, keyboards, remote controls
• pipe cleaners	• funnels	• old CDs, videotapes, floppy disks, cassette tapes
• feathers	• pegs	• marbles
• pinecones	• skewer sticks	• golf tees
• seeds	• paper clips	• material offcuts
• glass gems	• shells	• cardboard
• small tiles	• scrap paper	• rubber bands
• mirrors	• foil	• dried leaves
• pompoms	• felt tip pens	• dried pasta
• bubble wrap	• small sticks	• coloured rice
• string	• plastic bottles	• plastic balls
• small rocks	• pop sticks	• sifters
• small bowls	• spoons	• wooden logs
• wood scraps	• straws	
• magnets	• old brushes	
• connector blocks	• hinges	
• padlocks	• bottle caps	



Other Suggested Books



- Under the Ground - Anna Milbourne
- A Dark Dark Tale- Ruth Brown
- Funny Bones - Janet and Alan Ahlberg
- The Gruffalo - Julia Donaldson
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Michael Rosen

Vocab linked to books

Underground, beneath, roots, suck up, hungry, creepy, crawlies, kingdom, tiny, blindly, juicy, leaps, safe, pipes, electricity, dirty, rumble, bustling, solid, ferocious, caves, dangling, mines, drill, lawn, underground, dark, hibernate, mole, badger, earthworm, fox, rabbit, hare, burrow, soil, tunnel.

Special Events

- World Book Day Thursday 2nd March
- Mother's Day Sunday 19th March
- Stump Cross Caverns
 - Thursday 23rd March NAM 1/2 NAD
 - Friday 24th March NPM 1/2 NAD
- Easter