



# SHARK MAIL

Summer 2 Half Term



## Literacy

Over the next half term the children will be using what they learn from their Geography lessons to write a holiday guide about Amble. As part of their homework it would be helpful for children to bring in photographs, leaflets, postcards etc. about Amble to help them with their writing. The children will also be writing letters and postcards to children from a different locality (hopefully abroad).

Towards the end of the half term the children will be exploring Haiku poetry (a traditional form of Japanese Poetry) and writing their own Haiku based on the season of Summer. They will have the opportunity to practise and perform their finished piece. Find out more about Haiku Poetry on this website:

<http://www.kidzone.ws/poetry/haiku.htm>



## Topic - Wish You Were Here

This half term we will be carrying on with our topic "Wish you were here...In Amble". After producing some brilliant Art work based on the local area we will now be focusing on Geography. The children will be using atlases; maps and Google earth to further explore the area that they live in. They will be applying their Maths skills by giving directions using the vocabulary learnt in Geometry.

## Religious Education

In this unit 'Caring for the Environment' the children will be reflecting on different attitudes and approaches towards the natural world. We will be doing this through different stories such as Noah's Ark and Muhammad Washes. The children will be considering the importance of clean water and how, in some parts of the world, it is a scarce resource. The following websites;

[www.oxfam.org.uk/coolplanet](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/coolplanet)

[www.wateraid.org.uk](http://www.wateraid.org.uk)

have some useful facts and information about the importance and availability of clean water.



## Maths Makes Sense

Maths is divided into 5 areas of learning. Over the next 7 weeks this is what we will be covering.

### Arithmetic 1

Write and solve Maths Stories with fifths, sevenths and mixed numbers and calculate vertical additions and subtractions.

### Geometry

Knowing the measures in degrees of a full turn, quarter turn, three quarter turn and a half turn.

### Data and Measure

Drawing hands on clock faces to show different times in multiples of 5 minutes and calculating differences in times.

This website is a fun way to practise telling the time:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/telling\\_the\\_time/play/popup.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/telling_the_time/play/popup.shtml)

### Arithmetic 2

Using grid multiplication and rounding numbers to the nearest 10.

### Reasoning

Multiply a 1 digit number by a 2 digit number by partitioning.

## Physical Education

Over the next few weeks the children will be learning the skills needed to play a striking and fielding game - catching, throwing, bowling and batting are all important skills that the children will need to acquire. And of course we will be practising for Sports Day!

## Music

The children will be creating their own piece of music to reflect different moods using a sequence of steps. They will be using a variety of instruments to create their sequences.

## Science - Rocks and Soils

In this unit the children will be investigating different types of rock and their properties. They will come to learn how soil is formed through a process called erosion.

This game allows children to experiment with different rocks:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/7\\_8/rocks\\_soils.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/7_8/rocks_soils.shtml)