



# SHARKS SUPER NEWS

Autumn 1 2015

## Rotten Romans

In this history based topic Year 3 will be exploring a journey through time from the beginning of the Empire, through to the successful invasion of Britain, through Literacy, Art and Design and Geography based learning.

In Literacy the children will be taking on the role of a Roman Soldier and will be using role play and hot-seating to help them write a diary entry from a soldier's point of view. We will also be researching and finding out about The Roman Army and writing our own information texts.

In Art we will be finding out about Mosaics before the children will be designing and creating their own. As part of Design technology, in small groups, the children will be designing, making and evaluating a chariot.

In Geography we will be using maps, atlases, globes and computer mapping resources to locate European countries and cities.

Find out fun facts about the Rotten Romans here:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/the\\_roman\\_army/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/the_roman_army/)



## French

Children in key Stage 2 begin to learn basic French through a programme called Purple Mash. Children can also access this programme at home. They will learn how to say, read and write numbers up to 20 through counting games and songs. Practice your French at home at:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/z39d7ty>

## Music

Children will learn skills such as keeping and playing to a beat, changing pitch and volume and composing a repeated phrase. They will use these skills to compose their own piece of music using glockenspiels. Some children will take on the role of the conductor when performing to other children in school.



## Mathematics

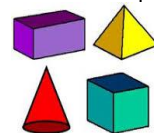
We will be covering lots in Maths this half term.

Including:

**Arithmetic and reasoning** Place value (numbers up to 1000), written methods for addition and subtraction, mental calculation strategies and counting in 3s and 4s.

**Data and measure** Measuring the perimeter of 2D shapes. Collecting, presenting and interpreting data using tables and bar charts.

**Geometry** Identifying and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes including recognising angles.



In year 3 the children will be learning the 3, 4 and 8 timetables as well as practicing the 2, 5 and 10s. Try these games at home:

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

## PE

This half term we will be covering invasion games where the children will learn the skills needed to play a game of High 5 Netball.

Year 3 will have their PE lesson on a Tuesday afternoon and swimming will be Friday afternoon. Please ensure PE kits remain in school.

## Religious Education

Year 3 will be finding out about birthing ceremonies and the ways in which these are celebrated across different religions including Christian, Muslim and Sikh. The children will be making comparisons and drawing upon their own personal experiences. Start collecting photographs, cards and gifts from your christening or a christening that you have been to for our class display!

## Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday and MUST be handed in by the following Wednesday. All homework tasks must be completed and handed in on time. Keep an eye out for details of the termly topic project!