



# SHARK MAIL



Autumn 2 Half Term

## Literacy

The focus for our Literacy work will continue to be 'The Romans' where we will be exploring Roman mythology and Aesop's Fables. Our focus texts will be 'Romulus and Remus', 'Deafalus and Icarus' and a variety of different fables. There are lots of myths on this website:

<http://rome.mrdonn.org/myths.html>

## Spellings

We are having a big push on spellings in the Sharks! Look out for weekly spelling tests as well as spelling logs. These will be sent home at the end of the week for children to practice the spellings that they have spelt incorrectly across all areas of their writing.

## Maths Challenge

The Sharks are being challenged to learn their times tables. Once they are able to answer quick fire questions they will earn a star. Lots of practice at home will help the children to achieve their stars at school.

$$2 \times 3 = 6$$

## Physical Education

Gymnastics will be our focus for P.E over the next 7 weeks where we will be looking at 3 main movements - stretching, curling and arching. As the weeks progress, the children will use their own ideas to the plan and perform a sequence of movement.



## Topic

Over the last half term we have carried out lots of history and geography work surrounding 'The Romans'. This half term we will be focusing our learning on Art and Design where we will be researching, comparing, designing and making mosaics. The children will also be designing and making a Roman ballista (a catapult) complete with moving parts.

Check out this website about Roman Art. Experiment with making a mosaic or have a look at some ancient Roman mosaics.

<http://rome.mrdonn.org/mosaics.html>

Towards the end of the term the children will be sharing what they have learnt during a Key Stage 2 assembly on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. This will also be a Roman day where we will be playing Roman games, making Roman food and creating Roman artefacts.

## Music

In music this half term we are going to be exploring rhythmic patterns. In this unit the children will have the opportunity to compose and perform their own rhythmic pattern with instruments.



## Science

This half term we will be looking at magnets and springs.

In this unit the children will learning and using new vocabulary to describe the way in which magnets act around different materials. They will also be considering fair testing through lots of different investigations. Try playing this game to find out which objects can be picked up by magnets:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/7\\_8/magnets\\_spring\\_s.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/7_8/magnets_spring_s.shtml)



## Religious Education

We are going to be thinking about 'right and wrong.' The children will be discussing 'right choices' and 'wrong choices' and the effect that these choices have on the people around them.