



SHARK MAIL



Spring 1 Half Term

Maths Makes Sense

The children will be learning the skills of maths through four different strands. This is what we will be covering during the next block of work.

Arithmetic 1

Subtracting up to 4 digit numbers by using the method of vertical subtraction.

Geometry

Using language to describe 2D and 3D shapes such as corner, side, vertex and edge.

Data and Measure

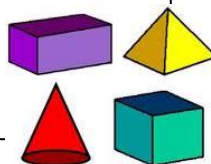
Answering questions about information in a grid such as; 'how many altogether?' and 'what is the difference?'

Arithmetic 2

Partitioning 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers.

Reasoning

Identifying the correct operation to use for a variety of word problems.



Literacy

The focus for the children's Literacy work this half term will also be Ancient Egypt. The children will be using what they have learnt to write imaginative stories set in Egypt. Stories such as 'The Egyptian Cinderella' and 'The Scarab's Secret' will allow children to look closely at different texts with a historical setting. As well as creative writing the children will also be learning to write a set of instructions explaining the process of mummification.

Topic

This week we started our topic about Ancient Egypt and already the children have been asking some very interesting questions about what they would like to find out. During the next 6 weeks our topic will focus on the history aspect of Ancient Egypt where the children will be learning about how the Egyptian's communicated the Pharaohs, Gods, Tutankhamun and mummification. The children will be looking at different sources of information from the past and deciding what this tells us about what life might have been like. The websites below provide lots of interesting information about Ancient Egypt.

<http://egypt.mrdonn.org/>

http://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_egypt.php



Project time

It was fantastic to see so many imaginative Roman projects last half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed presenting their projects to the class and took great pride in their work. Again the children will be asked to work on a presentation over the next 12 weeks. More information will follow on Monday's homework.



Science

Our science unit for the next half term is 'teeth and eating'. During this unit the children will be learning about personal health and how this relates to diet. They will also be learning about how teeth are related to diet and the importance of dental care.

The children will be learning lots of new vocabulary such as the names of different teeth and words to describe different groups of food.

There is a fantastic interactive game for the children to play on the website below

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/7_8/teeth_eating.shtml



Music

The children will be learning about the importance of performance and the role that the performers, audience, conductor, DJ and MC play in making a successful one. We will also be making use of the school's new glockenspiels.



Physical Education

This half term PE will be linked to our topic about Ancient Egypt. The children will be moving imaginatively to a piece of Egyptian music. They will be learning to create sequences of dance in groups which will reflect the topic of Egyptian's. The children will have the opportunity to perform their dances.

Religious Education

During the spring term the children will be learning about 'Christianity and the belief of Jesus. The children will be looking at the main events and stories in Jesus' life.

Throughout the first six weeks we will be focusing on the early life of Jesus, from his birth to his choosing of the disciples. As part of this topic the children will experience a Christian place of worship during a visit to a local church where they will look for examples of Jesus' life.

There is lots of information on this website to support the learning of Christianity:

<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/carolrb/christianity/index.html>

