Amble Links First School Starfish Standard



Summer 1 2013

Literacy

This half term we will be covering fiction as well as non-fiction text.

We will start by looking at explanation texts; explaining how something works or

explaining a process. The children will create an invention, using the 'Wallace and Gromit Cracking Contraptions' as a stimulus, and write an explanation on how it works.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=q81J-K2vFK

The children will enjoy writing stories set in imaginary worlds. They will become creative in choosing a setting that is weird and wonderful, and full of unusual characters. Where will their imagination take them?

Topic

Our topic this term is Rivers and Coasts. The children will learn about a rivers journey from the source all the way to the mouth and then into the sea. In particular, we will look at the River Coquet.



The children will learn about the water cycle and why it is important. We will then explore coastal features; looking at Amble and compare to other

coastal towns.

We will hopefully have a trip to the beach to create sculptures made out of natural materials.

Science: Moving and Growing

Throughout this unit of work, the children will learn about how the skeleton is related to movement and support in humans and what happens to the skeleton and muscles as they move.

They will also compare human bones and skeletons with those of other animals.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/8 growing.shtml

Maths

The children will be covering lots of different areas of mathematics over this half term. These include:

- Negative numbers
- Finding the perimeter and area of rectangles
- Using compass directions to describe movement
- Using coordinates to position objects on a grid
- To solve puzzles and problems
- Calculating using the four operations

Children may find the following website useful to practise their maths by playing games:www.maths-games.org/





MUSIC

The children will continue to have drumming, taught by Mr Doyle.

Some of the children will also be having a short weekly session of singing with an external teacher.



RE

Creation is the topic for this half term. The children will have a chance to consider one of life's ultimate questions: 'How did the world come to be?'

The children will listen to creation stories from different faiths as well as hear about it from a scientist point of view.