

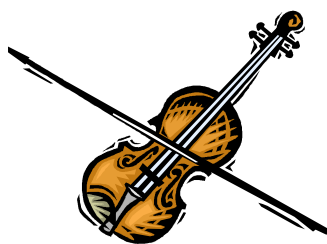
We will be looking at forces, magnets and springs this half term. Please talk to your child about how things can move. What objects at home need a push or a pull? If you have any small objects made of metal please send them in for us to test with magnets.



We are continuing with our work on adventure stories linked to Egypt. Talk to your child about your favourite adventure story - it could be a film. Can they tell you who the characters are and where is the setting for the adventure? How does the story build up to its climax and how does it end? All these underlined words are terms your child will be using to help them write their own adventure story that will be set in Egypt.



Our Fiddle lessons will continue every Friday and we are hopefully going to perform our musical achievements, sing and dance for you very soon. More details to follow as soon as we know them.



Don't forget that the children have access to NORTLE which has a huge range of free resources available online - each child has their own login to www.northumberlandvtle.net. In ICT this half term the Sealions will be learning about Data Handling. They will be creating and investigating the use of branching databases to sort out a range of objects based on their characteristics. The children will also be able to create their own graphs and charts using a range of software. They could practice using some of the tools available in NORTLE such as any of the data handling activities in the Interactive Resources maths tools that that the children use for homework (search for 'data handling'). The children could also use the Infant Toolkit on NORTLE (the 'Chart' and 'Pictogram' tools) to create their own charts - see the picture for help!



We are continuing with our topic about Ancient Egypt. We will be looking at temples and mummification this half term. On Tuesday 28th February we will receive a visit from an Egyptian expert who will work with the children to develop their historical knowledge and skills. Please send in your contribution towards the cost by Friday 24th February. Websites to find out more about Ancient Egyptians are: <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Homework/egypt/general.htm> and <http://egypt.mrdonn.org/mummies.html>. Also try typing Egyptians for children into Google.

HOMEWORK

This will still be given out on Mondays, to be returned the following Monday. PLEASE remember to sign your child's book to show which activities they have completed and which ones they enjoyed.

PE will be on MONDAYS or TUESDAYS this half term.

We are continuing to count on from any number in 10s and 1s. We will be using the terms odd, even and multiples of to describe numbers.

We will also be using measures and the relationship between them. (E.g. convert metres into centimetres). Help your child by measuring lengths with a ruler, weighing out ingredients or measuring liquids in a jug and always reading the scale.

Swimming will start again on Friday 24th February. The cost is still just £2 per week for a dedicated lesson with a trained swimming teacher. Please make sure you let us know as soon as possible if there is a reason why your child does not want to swim and we will be able to work with you and your child to ensure they are happy.