



PUFFIN POST

Autumn 1 2014



Literacy

This half term we will be exploring family relationships and characters' feelings through the stories *Cottonwool Colin* by Jeanne Willis and *Sister for Sale* by Adrian Bradbury. We will be learning about the features of explanation texts and use our knowledge to write and explanation of a frog's life cycle.

You could use the following website to help your child with our work

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/spring/FrogLifeCycle.aspx>



Maths

Number: we will be comparing and ordering numbers up to 100 and recognising the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number. We will be learning to recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 and use this knowledge to help solve problems. We will solve one-step problems involving multiplication and division.

Data, measure and statistics: we will compare and order lengths and use appropriate units to measure lengths and heights. We will collect information about our class and use tally charts, pictograms, block diagrams and simple tables to show our results.

Geometry: we will identify and describe properties of 2D and 3D shapes including sides and edges.



Science

We will begin this half Term by learning about ourselves, including how we grow and change and the importance of exercise and a healthy diet.

We will then be looking at other animals and what they need to stay alive. Our work will include learning about life cycles and habitats. Some useful websites to support your child with their learning include:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/health_growth.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/plants_animals_env.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/6_7/variation.shtml



Myself and other animals



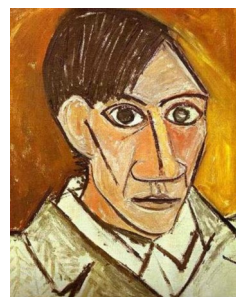
Geography

Through our topic we will be learning about our home and our journey to and from school to create our own pictorial maps. You could help your child with this work by supporting them to learn their home address.



Art and Design

This half term we will be exploring artists' self portraits, including Picasso, Vincent Van Gogh and Andy Warhol to develop ideas to create our own self portraits. We will look at how artists use straight/wavy lines, shading and colour to create their portraits. We will be observing ourselves closely using mirrors and photographs to add detail to our work.



Swimming

Swimming is an important part of the curriculum at Amble Links. Puffins swim every Thursday and we ask for a contribution of £2 each week towards the cost of lessons. Please ensure your child remembers to bring a swimming costume and towel to school every Thursday.



PE

This half term Puffins PE day is a Wednesday. Please can you make sure your child has shorts, t-shirt and sandshoes in school on this day each week. We encourage pupils to leave their PE bag on their peg for the half term to make it easier for them. This half term we will begin with invasion games.



Visit our website at: www.amblelinks.northumberland.sch.uk for lots more information!!

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