



Amble Links First School

Penguins Press Release



Autumn 1 2013

Topic Work/Literacy

During the autumn term we will be learning about Romans. This is an extensive subject so we will be focussing our learning specifically on Roman soldiers in Britain.

Each child will become a Roman soldier and discover what life was like living away from home, the life-long commitment to the army and how training was *not* for the faint-hearted!!

Will they be able to handle the centurions constantly barking instructions at them? And how will they cope when faced with the cold opposition of the Celts?

Their joys and fears of being a soldier will be captured in their diary entries and everything you need to know about a Roman soldier will be displayed in information texts produced by the children.

The children will hear stories about Romans and create their own using all the knowledge they have learnt over term.



To support your child at home, you may be interested in the following websites:

- <http://www.brims.co.uk/romans/>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/>
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Romans.html>

Science: Characteristics of Materials

During this unit of work, the children will be extending their knowledge of the range of materials we use and the properties that characterise them. They will plan investigations and use the results to draw conclusions.

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

Use this website to test the properties of certain materials. Are they waterproof? Is it flexible? Is it transparent? Is it strong?

Maths



This year we will be implementing a new maths programme call 'Maths Makes Sense'.

It will aim to raise standards in mathematics by encouraging all children to excel and become excited about maths. Maths Makes Sense uses concrete objects to help children understand different concepts of mathematics in a simplistic way.

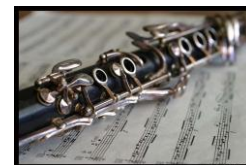
To find out more about Maths Makes Sense and watch it in progress, browse the following website:
<https://global.oup.com/education/content/primary/series/maths-makes-sense/?jsessionid=DA3A0A80A273D8F242AE5D5076E77D9D?region=uk>

MUSIC

Penguins will be learning how to play the clarinet and flute this year.

Look out for some exciting performances again!

Music will be taught by an external teacher.



PE

Penguins will be practising combined throwing and catching in different ways. They will learn how to intercept and pass, mark an opponent, dodge, get free and signal for the ball. All these skills are used in small-sided activities which develop and emphasise the game strategy of possession.



RE

We will be exploring becoming an adult and discuss the themes that are addressed by different religious initiation ceremonies and their effect on people's lives.

In this unit we will look at three religions:

Christianity, Judaism and Sikhism, together with a non-religious view.

See what you can find out about: Baptisms, Bar Mitzvahs and Amrit ceremonies.