



Amble Links First School Penguins Press Release



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Topic Work/Literacy

Our focus for our Roman topic this half term is Art and Design. The children will be looking at the intricate work of mosaics. They will investigate different designs and use this information to create their own mosaic.



Create your own online at:

<http://gwydir.demon.co.uk/jo/mosaic/>

In literacy, the children will be reading some of Aesop's Fables and then use their knowledge to create their own fables. The children will also be writing stories based on Roman soldiers.

To complete our Roman topic, we intend to have a Roman Soldier day. The children will have the opportunity to dress up; make shields and helmets; make and taste Roman foods; learn some Latin and much, much more...



To consolidate your child's learning about Romans, you may wish to use the following website:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/romans/>

Science: Magnets and Springs

To support your children's learning of this the following website may be useful.

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



This unit gives children experience of forces, including attraction and repulsion between magnets, compression and stretching of springs and stretching of elastic bands. They learn that these forces have direction and can vary in size. They also learn which materials are attracted to magnets.

Maths



Maths Makes Sense continues this half term with weekly Arithmetic, Geometry, Data and Measure and Reasoning lessons. Practice your maths skills at:

<http://www.mathletics.co.uk/>

Robinwood

The time is finally upon us! After much anticipation, the children will be off to Robinwood for 3 days of fun-packed activities including:



Archery, caving, canoeing, climbing and much, much more...

MUSIC

The children will continue to play clarinets this half term. The children have been doing a fantastic job at learning notes and playing rhythms. A performance is due before Christmas.



PE

Gymnastics is the focus for this half term. The children will identify and use different body parts to balance on; balance and show specific planned shapes; move into and from balances with control and accuracy and create a sequence of balances.



RE

This half term our topic in RE is 'Inspirational People'. In this unit, the class will hear stories of some people who have led inspiring lives including Anne Frank and Mother Teresa. The people they will hear about will give them the opportunity to reflect on their own lives, whilst thinking about the actions of others who have challenged injustice.

