



PUFFIN POST

Autumn 2 2015



Bonfire Night

To begin our topic Fire Fire! we will be learning how and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. We will be finding out about King James I, Guy Fawkes and his attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

We will be creating firework pictures and considering how to keep ourselves safe.

You could use the following website to find out more:

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/guy/>



Literacy

We will continue to secure and further develop our phonic knowledge through Read, Write, Inc. We will apply our literacy skills through our topic work; retelling the story of the Gunpowder Plot, writing short factual accounts following our visit to the fire station and diary entries as an eyewitness to the Fire of London. In our Friday lessons we will continue to learn Year 2 spellings, develop our knowledge about nouns and adjectives and continue to improve our handwriting by practising diagonal joins.



Christmas

The Puffins favourite time of year! This year our work will include learning about Christingle and the Russian folktale 'Baboushka and the Three Kings'.

Look out for dates for our party and performances on the weekly school newsletters.



Fire Fire!

Our topic this half term is about fire.

We will begin by looking at fire safety and visiting the fire station in Amble where we will be able to extend our learning by finding more about the job of a fire fighter and the equipment they use.



Through our history work we will be learning about The Great Fire of London, by asking and answering questions, such as: How did the fire start? When did it happen? How long did it last? Who saw the fire?

Use the following link to access a brilliant game to find out more about the fire:

<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

Mathematics

Number: we will use $<$, $>$ and $=$ to compare and order no's from 0 up to 100 and recognising the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number. We will add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mentally. We will calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division and write them using \times , \div and $=$.

Support your child with multiplication using the following site: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/multiplication/play/>

Data, measure and statistics: we will be learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times. We will interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables.

Geometry: we will identify and describe properties of 2D and 3D shapes including line symmetry.



PE

This half term we will be completing our dance unit of African Animals and completing a four week unit on multi-skills to develop our agility, balance and co-ordination. Please ensure that PE Kits are kept in school at all times.



The children have weekly computing lessons with Mr Heeley. It would be really helpful if you could help you child practise logging in to the different websites that we use in school. These can be accessed through the school website (links tab). Usernames and Passwords are in the children's homework books. It is really helpful for the children to know these!

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

"Everyone succeeds at Amble Links."