



PUFFIN POST

Autumn 1 2012



Topic

Our topic this half term is 'This is Me'. We will be learning about ourselves and other living things; our families and friends; and keeping healthy. Your child might like to have a go at the activity on BBC Schools Science clips for Year 1 and 2.

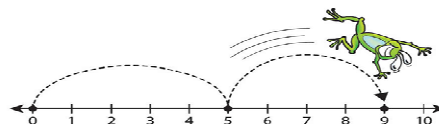
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/ourselves.shtml

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



Numeracy

Numeracy this half term will concentrate on reading, writing and ordering numbers. We will be learning to count forwards and backwards along a number line and using these to solve simple addition and subtraction calculations.



As part of our topic 'This is Me!' we will be collecting and organising information about ourselves such as eye/hair colour.

As an introduction to data handling have a go at Animal Island data on

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/organising_data/play/

Homework

Your child will come home with a homework book which will contain a few different choices for them to complete. Pupils do not need to complete everything on the list. They can choose the activities they would like to do. Homework will be set every Monday and pupils will be given a chance throughout the week to share work they have completed at home. Please encourage and support your child to complete their homework.

Every pupil will continue to be able to log onto NORTLE with their passwords from last year. A reminder of their username and passwords will be put in the front of their homework books.



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. This year the Puffins will be split into 2 groups for swimming sessions. Please ensure your child remembers to bring a swimming costume and towel to school every Thursday.



Literacy

Your child will be taught Literacy in a small focused group with pupils of a similar ability using the structured programme Read Write Inc. These sessions will include daily phonics which they will then apply in their reading and writing tasks. Fred Frog is a key character who will support our learning. Ask your child how we use 'Fred Talk' to help us with our independent reading and writing. If you wish to know any more about this programme feel free to come and speak to us.



Your child will continue to develop their literacy skills through our topic work; composing and orally rehearsing complete sentences then extending our sentences to make our writing interesting. You can help your child develop these skills during everyday conversation by extending sentences e.g. *Look at that bus* can be made more interesting by extending it to *Look at that big red shiny bus*.