

This term we will be looking at light and shadow as part of our science investigations. If you have any torches or light sources that you would like to send in then please do as it will help us. We will also be investigating whether or not a range of materials commonly found at home are transparent.



Our topic for the rest of the term is Amble. We will be looking at maps and plans. We will also be going out into Amble to look at the variety of buildings and how the land is used before producing an information pack about our findings.



In literacy we will be concentrating on story structure and writing extended stories. If you could get your child to tell you their favourite story, e.g. Peter Pan and then get them to retell it to you by splitting it into the beginning, middle and end using as much description and dialogue as possible. This will really help them with their class work.

PE will continue to be on Mondays or Tuesdays this half term. As the weather hopefully continues to improve please leave your kit at school as other activities will arise. Your child needs a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and a change of shoes from the ones they come to school in.

Swimming will continue every Friday and is good value at £2 per session.

ICT

This half term the children will continue to learn about computer programming by creating their own games at their own levels using a fantastic piece of free software called Kodu. This software is very easy to use and the children have already created simple games in just 2 lessons using it. The games that they create look very much like games that are used on the X-Box. We strongly recommend that you download Kodu for the children (and yourselves!) to use at home. It comes with an excellent set of tutorials which walk you through lots of the basics of using Kodu.

<http://www.microsoft.com/download/en/details.aspx?id=10056>

We have also recently found another free piece of software that allows the children to create their own comic strips - again it is very easy to use and very effective!

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/games/cartoon>



We will continue to work on the 2,3,4,5 and 10 times tables this half term but the focus will be on being able to use known fact in order to state corresponding calculations. E.g. $6 \times 2 = 2 \times 6 = \text{double } 6$. We will also be making the links between the 2 and 4 times tables and using doubling as a strategy.

We will also be using number lines again to solve addition and subtraction calculations as well as rounding 2 and 3 digit numbers to the nearest 10 or 100.

Finally we will also be finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of whole numbers.

I am really pleased to see the variety of homework that your child produces from the given tasks. Please continue to support your child with this. If you have any questions, do come in and ask. Homework will still be given out on Mondays and the book needs to come back to school the following Monday. Your comments in the book are really helpful. Please make sure you sign the sheet to show what your child has achieved.

The children have been invited to the Children' Countryside day at Glendale. This is on the 13th June and will involve a variety of outdoor rural activities that may include wall building and animal feeding. More details will follow as we receive them and you will receive a letter as soon as everything is finalised.