

SHARK MAIL



Autumn 1 Half Term

Topic

This half term in our topic work we are going to be learning about the Romans. As it is a broad area to cover we will be concentrating on learning about Roman Britain and We will be learning about what it was like to be a soldier, what they wore, what they used to protect themselves and the different formations that they marched in. We will use this knowledge to then write a diary entry from the viewpoint of a roman soldier and a newsletter explaining what it was like to live in Roman Britain. Below are some websites that will help to support your child's learning at home.



http://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_rome_army_legions.php

Take a look at this website where your child can dress their own Roman soldier in the appropriate clothing. http://www.nms.ac.uk/kids/people_of_the_past/discover_the_romans/roman_dress.aspx

Science

Throughout this half term we are going to be investigating a range of different materials by looking at their properties and uses. We will be planning investigations in order to make conclusions about lots of different materials. We are also going to be discussing what makes a test fair or unfair. To support your children with this learning at home you may like to look at different objects around your home and discuss what they are made from e.g. wood, plastic or metal.



Physical Education

The Sharks will have PE every Tuesday afternoon so it is important that the children have their correct kits in school on this day. While the weather is still warm we may be doing PE outside so the children will also need some outdoor footwear (trainers or sandshoes are fine). Just a reminder that Key Stage 2 children go swimming on a Friday therefore they will need their swimming bags on this day every week. Please don't forget swimming money too!

Mathematics

This half term we will be learning maths in a new and exciting way through a programme called Maths Makes Sense. We will not only be learning how to work out the answer to a question but we will be learning For more information see our school newsletter, have a look on the website below and come along to our parents meeting after school on Tuesday. I will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

<https://global.oup.com/education/content/primary/series/maths-makes-sense>

Alongside our new maths programme we will also be practicing our times tables on a daily basis. This half term we will be concentrating on our 2x, 5x and 10x tables. You can help your child by encouraging them to practice counting in 2's, 5's and 10's which will help children in all areas of their mathematics. Check out these times tables games and songs at home:

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/multiplication_games.html

<http://www.multiplication.com/games>

<http://www.fastertimestables.com/cool-times-tables-songs/>

