

Hammerhead Sharks Class Newsletter

Term 1 2019: 2nd September- 18th of October

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We hope you had a fantastic summer break and are full of energy and enthusiasm for a year packed with creative learning!

Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will be consolidating our understanding of number and place value by completing fluency and word problems that use all four operations. We will be confident in reading and writing numbers to at least 1 million and know how to order, compare and round them. Negative numbers will also be explored, ordered and compared. The children will be completing many problem solving questions which provides opportunity to apply their calculating skills to different situations/scenarios.

Topic: "The two most powerful warriors are patience and time" – or so says Leo Tolstoy. In this captivating topic we will examine how the modern world has been moulded by the conflicts of our past. We will consider struggles for control, the quest for equality and epic battles that have been lost. We will ask ourselves: Are some wars necessary? Are some fights unwinnable? Can we draw inspiration from adversity? The children will embark on a journey to explore how some of the greatest battles in history have shaped our world today.

Reminders:

Please ensure that reading records are in school every day. Please remember to write in your reading record and have it signed at least five times a week. These will be checked on a Friday. Pupils will change their reading books when needed.

Please remember to bring your water bottle to school every day – learning is thirsty work!

English

This term we will be looking at the text 'Once' which links to our topic, 'Battles that have shaped our world.' We will be analysing a variety of war poetry and then using these techniques to write our own. Following this, we will be building on our narrative writing throughout the term and using instructional language to our own steps to coding success.

Throughout our English lessons we will be widening our knowledge of grammar, punctuation and spelling and applying these skills to our writing.

Swimming

All of the year 6 pupils will be completing swimming lessons at The Stour Centre each week until Christmas. Hammerhead Sharks will swim on a Monday afternoon and Basking Sharks will swim on a Tuesday afternoon. Please be aware that pupils may not return to school until 3.10 on their swimming day due to traffic.

PGL

We are all very excited about PGL which will take place from Sunday 15th until Wednesday 18th September.

Children's timetable

Monday: PE kit needed in school for the week. Hammerhead Sharks to go swimming

Tuesday: Basking Sharks to go swimming

Wednesday: Year 6 weekly spelling test
Outdoor P.E.

Thursday: Home learning books due in.

Friday: Home learning books sent out.