

# Hammerhead Sharks Class Newsletter

**Term 2 2016:** 31st October - 21<sup>st</sup> of December

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

## Mathematics

This term we will begin to explore fractions, focusing on common fractions, equivalent fractions, mixed and improper fractions and calculating with fractions. After that, we will be learning about the angles of different shapes and then geometry: translating and reflecting shapes. We will continue to practise our written methods of calculations in worded problems but also strength our mental recall of facts, particularly building upon known facts to find answers to problems. Please continue to learn your times table facts as they are imperative to your maths learning.

**Topic:** We are very excited about continuing our topic 'Welcome to the Jungle.'

Throughout Term 2 we will be learning about Mexico and we will be looking back at the Mayan empire. We will be studying the Maya timeline, using weaving techniques, cracking the codes, creating Maya style settlements and even learning about how Mayan agriculture worked by becoming Maya farmers for the day.

## Reminders:

Please ensure that contact books are in school every day. Please remember to write in the contact book so that we know you have read.

P.E kits should be in school every day too.

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

## English

In English this term we will be beginning with an 'overcoming the monster' tale linked to our topic 'Welcome to the jungle.' We will be moving onto learning about the Maya. The story will be based on the battle between the Spaniards and the Maya. We will learn the story, map it out, step it and end with speaking it. From here, we will create comic strips, write the story from a different perspective and focus on including powerful vocabulary to describe and develop the mood. Following this we will be looking at biographies and we will begin with Hernan Cortes who conquered the capital of the Mayan empire.

## Science

Our science topic is called, 'Animals including Humans.' Throughout this topic, we will be identifying and naming the main parts of the human circulatory system, and explaining the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. Furthermore, we will be recognising the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way our bodies function. Finally, we will be describing the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within our bodies. We are especially looking forward to the digestion demonstration!

## Children's timetable

**Monday:** Reading books changed when needed throughout the week.

**Tuesday:** PE inside

**Thursday:** Home learning books in

**Friday:** Home learning books go home

We will be having a 'day in the life of a Maya farmer' day this term. We will let you know the day for this ASAP.