



QUEEN ELEANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER YEAR 4 SPRING TERM 2008

Hopefully you all had a good Christmas and New Year and all those New Year resolutions aren't *quite* forgotten....!

LITERACY

This term we will once again be exploring a variety of different forms of writing and our writing will be based on the texts we study. We shall also be looking in great detail at how writers help us to identify with their characters and discussing how we feel about characters and issues in stories. The children would benefit by discussing at home suitable news items and trying to explain how they feel about an issue and why this might be.



NUMERACY

Whilst we will be looking at many areas of Numeracy, an important focus for this term is times tables. The expectation within the new maths framework is that children at the end of Year 4 know ALL their times tables up to 10.



As always we cannot stress enough the importance of the children knowing their times tables, especially as these help so much in other areas of numeracy.

HOMEWORK

The children have spellings to learn on a Monday and receive Literacy and Numeracy homework on Wednesdays. In order to make it easier for the children they only have one homework book into which both pieces of homework are put. If the book is not returned, the children still receive their homework on loose sheets and the expectation is that they will stick these into their books to return the work to school.



READING

ALL the children are given a reading book and a reading record book to take home. Unfortunately not many of the reading books are coming back into school. Please try and read at home every evening with your child and make sure the reading book is returned to school each day.

P.E. and GAMES

P.E. will be on a THURSDAY this term and Games will be on a WEDNESDAY afternoon. Coachmark will be coaching the children in tag rugby during the games sessions from the 30th January and it is important that the children have the right kit for these sessions - trainers are essential and jogging bottoms would be a good idea.

HISTORY

Our topic this term is The Romans and their invasion of

Britain. Hopefully we shall be arranging a trip to Bradwell Abbey to take part in a Roman Day later in the term... details to follow shortly.



SCIENCE

We shall be studying Solids, Liquids and Separation and Friction throughout the term.

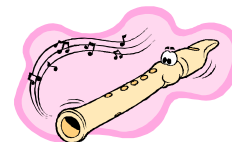
R.E.

The topic for the term is Signs and Symbols and we shall be exploring how different World Faiths use signs and symbols.



MUSIC

The children will be continuing with their recorder lessons, leading to a performance at Milton Keynes Theatre in the Summer Term.



DON'T FORGET!

The next Numeracy afternoon is on 28th January at 2.00 p.m.