







Queen Eleanor Primary School  
YEAR 5 and 6 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER  
Autumn Term 2009

<p><b>LITERACY &amp; NUMERACY</b></p> <p>In Literacy, Year 5 and 6 are reading "Street Child" by Berlie Doherty. We are linking this with the lives of Victorian children and we are focusing on story openings. Year 6 will then be looking at biography and auto biography and year 5 will be learning about instructional writing.</p> <p>In Numeracy we will be learning about place value, decimal points, ordering numbers and decimals. We are really focusing on written methods of subtraction this term. We are also learning how to convert decimals, fractions and percentages.</p>	<p><b>SCIENCE</b></p> <p>Year 6 will be learning about electricity and micro-organisms.</p>  <p>Year 5 will be learning about sound and dissolving.</p>	<p><b>MUSIC</b></p>  <p>We are practising our singing and some of us are taking additional music lessons.</p>
	<p><b>DESIGN TECHNOLOGY</b></p> <p>In Design Technology we are taking part in Mrs Beeton's cookery school and learning to cook like the Victorians. We hope to have a master chef challenge at the end of the term!</p>	<p><b>P.E &amp; GAMES</b></p> <p>We are having a multi skills session on a Tuesday run by the MK Dons. On a Friday, Year 5 will be going Swimming. On a Thursday, Year 6 will be doing Gymnastics.</p> <p><b>Children will need their P.E kit on a Tuesday and Thursday and Year 5 will need to bring their swimming kit on Friday.</b></p>
<p><b>I.C.T</b></p> <p>We are using ICT in all our subjects this term. We are learning how to present a range of information in different ways. In the second half term we will be running an apprentice style competition to advertise a Victorian seaside, using our presentation skills.</p>	<p><b>R.E</b></p> <p>Year 5 and 6 are learning about Christianity and stories from other world religions. We are hoping to visit a church as part of our studies.</p>	<p><b>HOMEWORK</b></p> <p>This will be set on a Wednesday for handing in the following Monday. Weekly spellings are given out on a Monday and tested on the Friday. Your child has a spelling practice sheet which contains the new spellings to be practised. Children are also encouraged to read at home on a daily basis for at least 10 minutes. Your support in sharing a book with your child is greatly appreciated. Please can you ensure that their reading book is brought into school each day. Their reading books will be changed on a Tuesday.</p> 
<p><b>ART</b></p> <p>In art, we are studying the work of the Pre-Raphaelites. We will look at their work as a Victorian art movement and research the lives and styles of the painters.</p>	<p><b>History</b></p> <p>In history we will be learning about the Victorian times and important figures from the Victorian age. We will be having a Victorian school day at the end of the term.</p>	
<p><b>P.S.H.E</b></p> <p>We will be learning about new beginnings and strategies to deal with different situations we encounter.</p>		