



Queen Eleanor Primary School  
YEAR 4 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER  
Autumn Term 2011

**LITERACY & NUMERACY**

In Literacy, during the first half of the term, Year 4 will be looking at poetry and the images they create. We will also be looking at a number of information texts as well as creating our own. In the second half of the term Year 4 will be working on persuasive texts and our fiction unit will be based on stories set within imaginary worlds. Many of the stories and books we read will be based on, and inspired by, our Rainforest topic.

In Numeracy we will be learning about the four main number operations and their written methods. We will also be learning about decimals and fractions. We are really focusing on improving our mental maths skills this term.

We will continue with the '99 Club' in order to learn the multiplication facts to  $10 \times 10$ , including their division facts.



**SCIENCE**

Year 4's first topic this half term is habitats. We will be linking much of our learning to our Rainforest topic.

In the second half of the Autumn term our science topic will be moving and growing. We will be investigating the human skeleton and comparing it to other animal skeletons,



**HOMEWORK**

This will be set on a Wednesday for handing in the following Monday. Weekly spellings are given out on a Friday and tested on the following 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 daily basis whenever possible.



**P.E & GAMES**

We are having an indoor gymnastics session on a Monday and on Friday we will be taking part in outside and adventurous games. In the second half of the term Year 4 will learning dance skills.

**Children will need their P.E kit on a Monday and Friday.**

**P.S.H.E**

We will be learning about new beginnings and getting on and falling out. We will look at strategies to deal with different situations we encounter.

**MFL**

Year 4 will be learning French. We will be looking at numbers, greetings, and colours.

**TOPIC**

Our topic this term is The Rainforests and most subjects will be linked to this topic. We will be learning about where the Rainforests are in the world, what the climate is like and what animals and plants live there. We will also be considering the way the Rainforests have changed and the environmental issues that affect them.

In Art we will be making a rainforest display within the classroom, as well as 3-D animals and clay pots in Design and Technology. Throughout the school year in music the children in Year 4 will be learning to play the recorder. In ICT, we will be learning how to present a range of information in different ways.

