



Queen Eleanor Primary School
YEAR 6 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER
Autumn Term 2011

LITERACY & NUMERACY

In Literacy, Year 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. We will also be learning about a range of fiction genres and learning how to write a newspaper report.

In Numeracy we will be learning about written methods, decimals, and fractions. We are really focusing on improving our mental maths skills this term.

In literacy and numeracy this year, year 6 will be split between Mrs Barnes and Mr Reetz, the deputy head.



SCIENCE

Year 6's first topic this half term is microorganisms. We will be learning all about germs and how microorganisms can also be useful. In the second half of the Autumn term, Year 6 will be doing investigations on dissolving and how to separate materials.



HOMEWORK

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 following Monday. 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 and Thursday.



P.E & GAMES

We are having a gymnastics session on a Thursday and invasion games on a Friday.

Year six are also lucky enough to take part in DanceXchange in which they will learn a dance to perform at the theatre. More details to follow!

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

P.S.H.E

We will be learning about new beginnings and strategies to deal with different situations we encounter.

MFL

Year six will be learning French. We will be looking at greetings, number and colours.

TOPIC

Our topic this term is Victorians and most subjects will be linked to this. We will be learning about what it was like for children during this time and important changes which were made. On the 29th September, we are having a Victorian school day where year six will dress up and be Victorian children for the day. After half term, we will be taking part in Mrs Beeton's cookery school and learning to cook like the Victorians. Parents are invited to come in and work with your child on this.

In ICT, we will be 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.

In art, we are studying the work of the William Morris and attempting to make a tile in the same style.

