



Queen Eleanor Primary School
YEAR 3 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER
Autumn Term 2011

LITERACY & NUMERACY

In Literacy, Year three have been reading "The Twits" by Roald Dahl. We are going to be progressing onto other stories with familiar settings. A big focus is adjectives, settings, characters' feelings and the use of speech in the stories, particularly speech marks,

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



SCIENCE

Year three's first topic this half term is characteristics of materials. We will be learning to identify different materials, their strength and flexibility and how to categorise the materials.

In the second half of the Autumn term, Year three will be doing investigations on light and shadows, particularly at sources of light and why shadows are formed.



HOMEWORK

This will usually be set on a Wednesday for handing in the following Monday. Weekly spellings will usually be 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, so that if they have read their book can be changed.



MUSIC

Year three are fortunate enough to have a peripatetic teacher from the music service come in to do 'Dalcroze' with them. This is a method of learning and experiencing music through movement and they will be doing it on Tuesday mornings.



P.E & GAMES

We are having outdoor games on a Wednesday and a dance session on a Thursday.

Children will need their P.E kit on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, so perhaps they could bring it in on a Monday and take it home to be washed on a Friday.

P.S.H.E

We will be learning about new beginnings, belonging and managing our feelings.

MFL

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

TOPIC

Our topic this term is the Ancient Egyptians and most subjects will be linked to this. We will be learning about it in two halves. The first half term is titled 'The Secrets of the Nile' and the second half term is titled 'Get Wrapped in Ancient Egypt'. Initially we are investigating where Egypt is, the kind of climate it has and discovering as much as we can about the importance of the river Nile. After half term, we will be looking more into the Pharaohs, mummies, pyramids and gods. The term will culminate in the children creating their own museum and 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 art, we will be looking at different ways of creating Egyptian style art, using a multitude of methods, and their final products should end up in their museum for you to see! We are very excited about this topic and the children are too!