



Queen Eleanor Primary School
YEAR 5 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER
Autumn Term 2011

LITERACY & NUMERACY

In Literacy, Year 5 are reading stories by Roald Dahl. Our topic is learning about a significant author. We are focusing on story openings and settings.

We will also be learning how to write a good set of instructions.

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

The children will continue to take part in the 99 club this year.



SCIENCE

Year 5's first topic this half term is changing sound. We will be learning all about how sound is created and how it can be changed.

In the second half of the Autumn term, Year 5 will be doing investigations on gases around us.



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 book 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 and that you write in their reading record when you have read with them.



MUSIC

The children will be having singing practise throughout the year. We will also be learning how to play the keyboard and either the violin or cello.

P.E & GAMES

We will be going swimming every Friday for the whole year. Also we will be having a P.E. lesson on a Wednesday.

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

P.S.H.E

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

MFL

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

TOPIC

Our topic this term is Tudors and most subjects will be linked to this. We will be learning about what it was like to live during this time. Last week we had 'Tudor Day' which was brilliant! The children learnt a lot. We will be learning about King Henry VIII and his wives. Also we will be learning about day to day life for different classes of people in the Tudor times.

We will be using our ICT lessons to link to our Topic and producing some power point presentations. In art and D.T. we will be creating Tudor houses and looking at how we can use different textures for different effects.