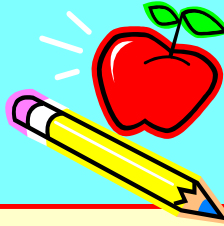


YEAR 4/5 NEWSLETTER



Eaton Primary
School

Summer 1 2011

Lifecycles and Water Aid!

Topic

This half term we are learning about Lifecycles in Science. We will be watching caterpillars turn into butterflies and getting out in to our local environment to see lifecycles happening all around us. As part of our learning we will be walking down to the river to follow a nature trail and do some pond dipping!

In Geography we are learning all about Water and will be holding a sponsored water carry to raise funds for Water Aid! As this is a short half-term we will hold the water carry in the first week after half-term. We would greatly appreciate your support in helping the children to raise funds for this very worthy cause.

In Literacy we are getting argumentative, studying a range of persuasive writing and holding lots of class debates! Following this we will be moving on to performance poetry and film narrative which should all be lots of fun.

Next half term we will be learning about Healthy Living in Science and the Aztecs in History!

Music

We are very proud of the musical talent that we have in our year group and have been finding as many opportunities to celebrate it as possible. We have many musicians and some fantastic singers. So far this year we have already performed in several assemblies which were very well received. For our next challenge we will be learning songs to perform at the Summer Fete – please expect song lyrics coming home soon! Following that we hope to hold a mini concert and are even looking in to recording a CD!

QCA Tests

Next week Year 4/5 children will have QCA tests to monitor their progress in English and Maths. Please reassure children, as we have, that they are nothing to worry about. We have spent a lot of time this week practising key concepts and working through things that we are not sure of to help us to feel more confident next week.

All children need to do is have a nice weekend and plenty of sleep!

Homework

Mon – spellings to be tested on Friday. Occasional literacy worksheets also sent home which are expected to be returned on Thursday. Please remember that sentences are still very happily received!

Thurs – Maths to be handed in on Monday.

Topic challenge - to write a poem, in any style, about wildlife for the Young Poets of the Year Competition 2011! Winners receive £100 and an extra £500 goes to their school! Be creative and present it beautifully on a sheet of A4, either neatly handwritten or typed. Each poem will need the child's name, age and school on the back.





QCA test week – 16th – 19th May 2011
River walk trip – 25th May 2011
Tesco Great Run – 27th May 2011
Half term – 28th May – 6th June (INSET day)
Summer Fete – 24th June 2011

Reminders to Students

- Bring PE kit to school on Monday and take them home on Friday.
- Bring Swimming kit on Tuesday.
- Bring books and reading records every day.



Reminders to Parents

- To promote independence all children across the school are encouraged to come in to the classroom on their own at the beginning of the day.
- Please make sure children have outdoor and indoor shoes everyday to ensure they get a play time.

Reading

We try to ensure that all children are heard read in school as regularly as possible by volunteers and ourselves. In order for us to log this and communicate with you at home about how your child's reading is progressing, we do need children to bring in their reading records every day. If your child cannot find their reading record a new one can be provided.