

INDIAN QUEENS SCHOOL

"Where learning counts and everyone matters"

2010/2011 Year Overview for Arapaho Class

Our year has, as always, been an eventful one. In addition to all of the ongoing hard work in English and mathematics, we have been busy with the following:

History lessons in the **Autumn Term** focused on life in Victorian times. As part of this topic, the children enjoyed their visit to Lanhydrock, where they made a fabulous effort to dress in Victorian costume. For homework, the children worked extremely hard to create some amazing projects about Christmas in Victorian times. During our ICT lessons the children enjoyed creating and manipulating images of themselves on different backgrounds. In science lessons, the children studied the human body and electricity. We also raised money for the Harvest of Hope, which resulted in animals being purchased for families in Africa. Linked to this, the children created a tree of dreams to share with their friends in Bongwe School. We were treated to a fantastic afternoon with the Duchy Opera, singing and moving to music and learning about the Opera. For Christmas, the children had a party day and enjoyed lunch served by the staff. Year 5 also took part in the Eden Project's Christmas event, "My Tree My Community". They organised a tea party and invited friends and relatives to talk about Christmas when they were young. They then created holly leaves to decorate a tree at Eden. We also thought about children who are not as lucky as us, and collected items in shoeboxes to send to other parts of the world.

Our topic for the first half of term of the **Spring Term** was Up, Up and Away, when we learnt about life in the mountains. We also devised a dance based on different forces, linked to our work in science. We were lucky to have a session with Helen Tiplady from CScape Dance Company who helped us to develop our dance skills even further. Year 5 had an exciting afternoon when they went ice skating at the Eden Project, whilst Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Flashpoint Centre where they learnt how to stay safe in a variety of situations. The children also developed their drumming skills during sessions with Zena Walker, learning to perform together as a class, sustaining their own rhythmic part. Our fundraising for the term consisted of a non-uniform day for Comic Relief and Bongwe, as well as a plant sale to raise money for Motor Neurone. One of the highlights of the term was science week, when the classroom, corridor and outside areas were awash with many experiments and investigations.

The **Summer Term** has, as usual, been very busy. Our science lessons focused on learning about living things in their environment. We also had sessions with the school nurse, Sarah Levien, where the children learnt about growing up! Year 5 children spent a morning at Newquay fire station with many of the emergency services talking to the children about safety. Ancient Egypt provided the basis for work in history, where the children learnt about life at that time. Towards the end of term a transition day took place when the Year 6 visited their future secondary schools. Year 5 also spent time with their new classes and members of staff. Sports Day was based on the English County Sports Championships, with children participating as counties, as well as taking part in individual events. By the end of term, the Year 6 will have visited Flambards and the Leavers' Assembly will have celebrated the children's achievements.