

INDIAN QUEENS SCHOOL

"Where learning counts and everyone matters"

2010 - 2011 Year Overview for Nanticoke Class

In the **Autumn Term** our topic was minibeasts. The topic provided us with lots of opportunities for some exciting investigations and exploring the outdoors, as well as writing and role play. Linked with this topic, we were fortunate to have a visit from Helen Tiplady from the CScape Dance Company who helped us develop and perform a dance based on the Ugly Bug Ball. As part of Fire Safety Week we had a visit from the local fire safety team – complete with fire engine! Just before half term we went on a class trip to Forest School where we explored the woods, investigating minibeasts' habitats. Harvest Festival this year was on the theme of a Harvest of Hope, thinking about harvest around the world. We all dressed as a fruit or vegetable to raise money to support the Send a Cow charity. After half term we had a class trip to Newquay Zoo, a trip the children really enjoyed – especially the minibeasts workshop. At Christmas time, we raised money for school funds at our Victorian Christmas Fayre, with lots of fantastic costumes on show and superb stalls from each class. Parents were invited to come into school to see separate performances by Year 1 and 2. Year 1 treated us to "The Bossy King" and we all enjoyed the Year 2 performance of "Toby's Christmas Drum".

In the **Spring term** first half our topic was Dinosaurs. We explored the prehistoric land of the dinosaurs. We created a dance based on the dinosaur theme and towards the end of the first half of term we shared our performances with all of key stage one. We were amazed by the wonderful dinosaur projects that were created as part of a homework project and we had the opportunity to share all the projects as we visited each key stage one class to see each others work. In the second half of the term our topic was 'In the Garden'. We had the opportunity to visit Trenance gardens to explore the spring time flowers and wonderful colours of nature. We used our artistic skills to sketch the scenes we saw and drew maps of the gardens. Science week was an exciting time where we explored scientific theories and experimented to find out answers to a variety of scientific questions. We made a balloon rocket to explore forces, tried to change the colour of a flower and even made raisins do a dance! At the end of the week we had a 'wear red' day for Comic relief and took part in fun activities to raise funds for a worthwhile cause. Towards the end of the term we have been working together to plant seeds for a plant sale to raise funds for research into motor neurone disease.

The **Summer term** began with the Royal wedding celebrations: dancing, making party food and creating our own animation film! Our first half topic was based on the book 'Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' during which we all made a lighthouse and tried to light it up. We visited the National Maritime museum and really enjoyed making boats, listening to shipwreck stories and launching rescue rockets. In the second half of the term we had a fantastic sports day, the English National Championships where enjoyed taking part in a variety of sporting activities. Our topic for the second half was 'Cornish tea treat' where we have discovered about Cornwall past and present, including making pasties with Crantock Bakery. Towards the end of term we began to think about moving on to our new classrooms through a series of visits that were fun and exciting.