

INDIAN QUEENS SCHOOL

"Where learning counts and everyone matters"

2009/2010 Year Overview for Hopi Class

We began the year, pleased to be reacquainted with old friends and getting to know some new ones, including Miss Bevis

Our Autumn term began with a topic based on Traditional Tales. We read and retold many stories and the topic provided us with inspiration for creative writing, artwork and roleplay. 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 story of Goldilocks and the three bears. We still found the time to meet members of the community who visited us for special talks, including the Fire Safety Team who taught the children how to act in an emergency, including how to find your way out of a smoke-filled room. We also were the first school to use the Early Years Fire Safety kit which allowed the children to role play being a Fire Officer. After half term we went on a class trip to Forest school where we met the animals, followed maps, and climbed trees at base camp. We were very fortunate to have a visit from the Osiligi Warriors who performed a number of amazing dances for us. As the term drew on, we began our Christmas festivities with a Christmas Fayre, a magic show, a party with and a special Christmas lunch, served by the teachers! We worked really hard on our Christmas productions of The Christmas Star and the Christmas Eve at the Toy Shop.

The Spring term, although short, was a busy one. All our class now came to school full time and we began to learn about Giants. Our class trip was to Truro Museum for an exciting workshop with Marvin the Mouse. Indian Queens Bands came and gave a great performance to the children and allowed them to play their instruments. The second topic of the term was 'Song and Dance' and the children listened to and performed to a wide range of music. We explored the village and the local landmarks and came back to school and made a huge map of the village. We raised money for Bongwe school in Kenya with our Harambee day. We came to school dressed in colours from the Kenyan flag and took part in a range of special activities to learn more about children from Kenya.

The Summer term began with a focus on 'Foods of the World'. The reception children have visited Forest school in small groups had a wonderful time learning at the farm and in the forest. We were very lucky to have a visit from two teachers that work at Bongwe School in Kenya. They spent the day with us and shared with the children information about their school and the children they teach. Throughout the term we have worked on a puppet project about 'Beach Safety' and were very excited and proud to perform to our parents. This year's sports day was based on the European games and the children enjoyed taking part in a range of sporting activities. Climb a Mountain day, a fundraising event for Cornwall Hospice Care, raised an amazing amount of money, thanks to the children's effort to climb Kilimanjaro by doing step ups around the school. We began to prepare ourselves for moving on through a series of visits to our new classrooms which we found fun and exciting.