

## **School Link Project**

The JLT have been working hard since before Christmas to organise and set up a school link project. We recently did an assembly to tell all the children about it, and now we are really excited to be able to tell all parents and carers about it and what it means.

We were really keen to work with another primary school in a part of the country that is very different to ours to share information, learning and ideas. We spoke to Darren about this idea, and he encouraged us to go ahead and try to get something set up back in December.

We contacted Penryn Primary Academy in Cornwall with the help of Ben. Penryn Primary Academy were as excited to begin working with us as we were to work with them! We have had a joint JLT/School Council meeting with them in January when we had a 'conference call' with them which was such good fun. There will be more of these in the future!

We will be using the relationship to share ideas and learning with Penryn Primary Academy. One of the things that our school wants to do is to improve everyone's writing, and we are going to work with Penryn on that straight away! There will be a competition this half term for Year Four when some of their best writing will be sent down to Penryn where the teachers and children there will help to judge our best pieces, and they will send their writing to us and Laura and Olivia will judge their winners. Other year groups will have the chance to do competitions with Penryn before the summer holidays. They have heard about how great and fun our lunchtimes are and we are going to help them to make their lunchtimes as fun as ours.

We are also planning on having some shared lessons with Penryn in the coming months. In the future they will be using our children's knowledge to do a topic about Kew, Richmond and London with our school using Penryn children's knowledge to do a topic about Penryn, Falmouth and Cornwall. There have also been suggestions of joint days where, using technology we can do similar special activities with the Penryn children.

We are hoping to put together a display in the school of the latest events involving ourselves and Penryn Primary Academy to keep everyone up to date.

Many thanks,

The Kew Riverside Primary School JLT