



St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

Friday 6th September 2024

Rock Class

Welcome to the new academic year 2024-2025 and Rock Class. I hope you all had a safe and happy summer. We have a fun term planned, filled with interesting learning and exciting new opportunities! This letter will keep you up to date with your child's learning during the first half of the Autumn Term.

Our Learning

Our topic question this term is, 'Will the seaweed farm at Port Quinn help or harm our local area?' This is a VERY hot local issue as you are all aware, and one that the children should be aware of. We will be looking at maps of the area and discussing how this will impact both the human and physical geography of our locality. In English, the children will be spending the first half of this half term focusing on grammar and sentence structure. This will result in shorter written pieces initially, however when the children do begin writing longer stories and information texts, they will write with more confidence and accuracy too! We will be reading Goodnight Mr Tom as our class text in preparation for our learning on WW2 next half term. In maths, the children will be taught in their year groups with me giving the input to both year groups separately. However, there will be occasions when I will teach the children as a whole class if the learning overlaps. PE will take place on a Tuesday with me and on a Thursday with Mr Rickard, so please ensure that the children have the correct change of clothes for these sessions. It really is detrimental to everyone's learning when children turn up without their PE kit so I really would appreciate all your support. In RE we will be focusing on the religion of Islam and learning what helps Muslims journey through their life. Our Jigsaw work is entitled 'Being me in the world' and will focus on supporting the children to build their sense of self-worth and confidence.

Homework

We encourage all children to read regularly for 20 minutes at a time at least 3 times per week. It is important that we work together to ensure the children have a good level of stamina for reading but are also growing a real love of text! We will be checking reading records every Friday to see how we can best support the children so please feel free to make notes or comments that will support the children in their development.

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Children will be given spellings, literacy and maths homework on a Friday which should be returned the following Friday. Please practise spellings daily if possible—little and often is the best way to learn them. Spellings will be tested on Friday morning.

In addition to their usual homework, please help your child to learn any unknown times tables facts regularly with games, quizzes and tests: it is essential that they have quick recall of these facts without having to count up multiples on their fingers. It aids efficiency in arithmetic and will speed up their calculations.

Expectations in Rock Class

Children throughout the school are always encouraged to be polite, diligent and hardworking, but it is even more important that the older pupils are seen to be setting an excellent example to the younger children of the school community, especially the Y6 pupils, who as prefects, become important role models to the other children. We want the children to do the best they can and feel a sense of pride and achievement in everything they do. We put emphasis on the presentation of the children's work, and we encourage and teach independence and organisational skills.

The most important part of being at St Minver and in Rock Class is that the children feel safe, confident and valued. This overrides everything else because if the children are happy and confident, they will learn, develop and progress. Please feel free to talk to me or Rachel if you have any worries or concerns, or even things to celebrate! Obviously, the mornings can be quite busy so it may not always be possible to sort problems first thing. If that is the case, please arrange a time with me so that we can meet for a longer discussion. If you can't catch me please feel free to contact the office to arrange a meeting time.

I am really excited for this year. It is a new, fresh start for all of us and like you, I want to see the children of St Minver flourish and love being in their school. I have no doubt that by working together we will provide our children with the best possible environment to succeed and build happy memories of their time here.

Let the good times begin!

Thank you for all your support as always,

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