



# St Minver School and Nursery

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 202

**Lundy Class**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been lovely to see the children come bouncing in ready to learn after their half term break. The sun has been out this week, and it feels like spring might almost be here! This week's sunshine is also perfectly timed to help introduce our new science topic on **Light**. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this half term and the information below will give you an overview of what is coming up in Lundy class in the run up to Easter.

Each day the children will spend the morning developing their English and Maths skills. We have been focussing heavily on **reading fluency** in our daily reading sessions, and we are already seeing the benefits. This is helping our less confident readers tackle more challenging texts while allowing our more confident readers to further develop their prosody, which is the ability to read aloud with the same flow, phrasing and structure as our normal speech. In **English** this half term we will be linking lots of our work to this term's topic areas. We will start with some newspaper report writing linked to our previous work on volcanoes and earthquakes. As we introduce our new history unit on the Iron Age, we will be carrying out some diary writing and some setting description work linked to this topic. In **Maths** we start the half term looking at measurement of **length and perimeter**, and then we introduce our first **fractions** unit. We will also be continuing our focus on multiplication tables, ensuring that we have a secure knowledge of each times table, and the division facts linked to each multiplication. In science we start a unit on **Light**. Fingers crossed that the sunshine sticks around so we can carry out lots of practical investigations of light and shadow around our school grounds.

The children have become increasingly independent, and we have really appreciated your support with this. Each morning children should take out their reading book, reading record, pencil case (if they have one), water bottle and place them on their desks. School bags and book bags can be hung up on their pegs. Please help your child by reminding them what to do but not doing it for them. We know that they will want to continue to impress you with their maturity.

**PE days will be on a Tuesday and Friday for this half term** and the children will be covering a range of team invasion games to help them develop their game skills and teamwork. Homework and spellings will be given out on Friday to be returned the following week.

The best news to start the half term is that Mr Rickard is back in school, and we're pleased to report that his injured big toe is almost back to full strength! Mr Gill will continue to teach Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Hewitt will continue to teach Thursday and Friday. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see one of us.

Kind regards,

Mr Gill and Mrs Hewitt

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