



St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

Friday 10th January 2025

Rock Class

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you for all of your cards and gifts. It is honestly such a privilege to work with your children every day and I really do appreciate your support. The children have all returned full of life and enthusiasm – so lots of energy is required!

Our Learning

This term we will be studying the Mediterranean in our geography lessons. We will be learning all about the region, including the countries, the people and the geography of the area. The children will be tasting and cooking some different Mediterranean inspired food in DT. We will also be reading 'Who Let The Gods Out' by Maz Evans, which will link to our future learning on Ancient Greece. In our science lessons we will be learning about light and how we see. Computing will focus on programming and using micro bits. We will be discussing our dreams and goals in PSHE, learning that to do well in our lives, we need to dream big and believe in ourselves. In PE, which will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will be playing hockey and doing some street dance too. As you can see, we have a very busy, but fun filled half term ahead!

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.

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 a 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 multiples on their fingers. It aids efficiency in arithmetic and will speed up their calculations.

Thank you for all your support as always,

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