



St Minver School and Nursery

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

Friday 10th January 2025

Polzeath Class

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a very Happy New Year. We have another exciting term ahead of us in Polzeath class and the children have made a fantastic start to 2025.

Our history topic this half term will focus on the Vikings, where the children will find out about how life changed in England after the arrival of the Vikings. In science we will investigate states of matter including solids, liquids and gases.

Each day, the children will spend the morning engaged in developing their English and Maths skills. They will focus on characterising speech through narrative writing based on a story called The Game and writing non-chronological reports linked to their history work on the Vikings. We will continue to read daily in school and have started with the classic text The Snow Queen by Hans Christian Anderson. As well as reading daily at school, please do encourage your child to read at home (whatever they want to read – comics, fact books, novels ebooks online or even listening to audio books and podcasts). Children will have the opportunity to choose a book from the school reading scheme or the classroom library and we ask that you sign their reading record when you have heard them. Please do remember what a huge part you play in your child's reading progress, when you spend time reading and discussing books at home with them. In maths, we will continue to focus on developing our knowledge of times tables and take part in daily fluency practice to increase speed and accuracy when recalling multiplication facts. Please encourage your child to use TTR (Times Tables Rockstars) at home. The login details can be found in their reading record.

The children have grown in independence this year and we are so proud of the progress they are making. Please continue to support your child in allowing them to take responsibility for remembering PE kits and reading books. However, a gentle reminder from yourself is always helpful too.

PE days will be on Monday and Friday for this half term. Homework and spellings will be given out on Friday to be returned the following Thursday.

Finally, Mrs Jones will continue teaching on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Miss Merson will teach on a Thursday. Miss Bradley, Mr Hawtin and Mr Goosey will support in Polzeath class this half term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see one of us.

Kind regards,
Mrs Jones and Miss Merson

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