



# St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

## **Lundy Class**

Welcome to the new academic year 2024-2025 and Lundy Class. It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the long summer break and to see that they have all returned happy and ready to learn. We are pleased to report that the children are settling quickly into the routines of their new class structure and are enjoying the start of a new school year with their friends, new and old. Included in this letter is some useful information about the half term ahead and an outline of the subjects we intend to cover.

### **Topics and Themes**

Our first topic of the term is The Stone Age and this will be followed, after half term by a topic on Mountains. Much of the learning across the different subjects we study will be linked to our topic areas. Our first English unit this term will be an in depth look at sentence structure and the building blocks that make a grammatically accurate sentence. This will underpin our creative writing later in the half term which will be closely linked to our topic on the stone age. Science will also be closely linked to our overall topic area. Our first unit is on animals including humans and this will be followed by a study of rocks and the forces that shape them. Linking our learning wherever possible to our topics is sure to improve the quality of the children's understanding and allows us to explore our topic in exciting practical ways: such as the study of prehistoric cave art and mark making in our art lessons. In maths this term, we will be working on the place value of numbers up to 1000. We will also be working on addition and subtraction later in the half term; learning how to use the formal written methods for addition and subtraction as well as the mental methods.

### **Class Routines**

PE will be on a Tuesday, with Mr Gill and Friday afternoon with Mrs Hewitt. Please remember to send your child's PE kit in to school ready for these sessions. We will continue to do Wake and Shake every morning as well as doing our Active Mile on a Friday at 2:40pm. Homework will be set on a Friday and handed in the following Friday, where we will go through it together as a whole class. This will generally include a piece of maths, spellings, reading or grammar work, which should take no more than 10 minutes for each.

### **Our Expectations**

Children throughout the school are encouraged at all times to be polite, diligent and hard working. We want the children to do the best they can and feel a sense of pride and

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achievement in everything they do. We welcome mistakes and encourage the children to persevere and be resilient. We encourage independence and organisational skills and urge parents to support this by teaching them how to prepare their own school bags with what they need, so that they know what is in them. We would also expect them to come in to school, with increasing independence e.g. carry their own coats and bags and put them on their cloakroom pegs. Alongside this we promote the value of teamwork and a respect for all other members of 'Team St Minver'.

## **Class rewards**

House points are given to individuals as reward for effort, excellent behaviour, attitudes and work. Children will also continue to have their own personal 'Star Chart' reward card, where they can work towards a small treat or an agreed whole class fun activity, once it has been completed.

## **Thank you for your continued support.**

Your support is invaluable, and we can't emphasise enough the importance of spending time to either listen or read to your child. A love of books, nurtured through accessing hard copies or audiobooks, is such a wonderful gift and we really hope that you can join us in making reading a daily priority, for your child. At St Minver School, we hope that you feel welcomed to speak to us about anything that you are worried about and for there to be open communication between home and school. If you wish to speak to us, then we are happy for you to catch us in the morning with a quick message but for conversations needing more time, then pop into the office so that arrangements can be made to do this, at a more appropriate time.

## **We look forward to a happy and enjoyable and memorable Autumn term in Lundy Class!**

Kind regards,

From Mr Sam Gill, Mrs Sally Hewitt and Mr Rickard

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