



# St Minver School and Nursery

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

## Lundy Class

Friday 25 April 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Wow! We have reached the final term of the school year. What a year so far! This half term should be a really fun one, hopefully with beautiful weather, and the chance for lots of outdoor learning. The children have already impressed us with their focus this week: their maths work particularly has shown that their calculation skills are still sharp after the Easter break. We have lots of exciting things planned to pack into this relatively short half term. Our main topic for the majority of this half term is a science topic; **Powerful Plants!**

Each day the children will spend the morning developing their English and Maths skills. We have been focussing heavily on **reading fluency** and this half term we will start to introduce some **extended reading**. In extended reading sessions, the children's reading will be accompanied by discussion and related questions to probe their understanding of the texts they are reading. This will allow the children to develop their inference skills linked to increasingly challenging Year 3 texts. In **English** this half term we will start with some poetry and persuasive writing. We will then be linking our work to our science topic, by writing some non-chronological reports. In **maths** we will be looking at mass and capacity, before finishing the half term with our second fractions unit of the year. 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. There are also exciting plans for other subject areas. In geography we will be looking at different types of settlements and how settlements develop. In art and design the children will be creating animated drawings. The children have produced some amazing creative pieces this year and our new art topic is sure to produce some exciting final pieces.

The children have really taken responsibility for their learning, and we have found that keeping their desk space free of clutter has really helped the children to focus. With this in mind, we have asked the children to limit the amount of stationery they are bringing in. A small pencil case is fine, but we don't want the children's desks to look like they are setting up a new branch of the popular stationery shop, Smiggle! 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. The children's independence has really improved throughout the year and we appreciate all of your support with this.

**PE days will continue to be on a Tuesday and Friday for this half term** and the children will be covering striking and fielding skills, linked mainly to cricket, with Mr Gill, and then tennis skills with Mrs Hewitt. Homework and spellings will continue to be given out on a Friday to be returned the following Friday.

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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