



# St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Cowrie Class – Nursery**

**Autumn Term Update**

It is so lovely to be welcoming so many children into our growing nursery provision. All the children are continuing to settle into preschool life at St Minver and making great progress. Our topic for this half term will be 'Into the Woods'. We will be taking part in lots of different exciting activities outside to support this such as creating leaf hedgehogs, nature wands and bark tree rubbing. Our daily phonics sessions will also start this half term and the sounds we will be focussing on are s, a, t, p, i, n.

**Book Bags** We feel that it is important for the children to have a book bag for school. It provides a place for us to transport letters or documentation, a safe place for reading books to go between school and home and it gives the children a sense of belonging. Please let us know if you require a bookbag as our wonderful PTA purchase them for our new starters.

**Shared reading books** We are committed to developing your children's love of reading from the moment they join us at St Minver. A small blue reading record has already come home with your child alongside a book they have chosen from our class library. Inside the front cover of the reading record there are some handy tips for how you can use the sharing book at home. Once you have shared the book together then please write a short comment/sign the record and we will ensure your child changes the book for a new one the next time they are in school. The selection of books we will be choosing from this half term are our "That's not my" books and our exciting choice of Christmas texts.

**Waterproofs & Wellies** If you can provide some waterproofs and wellies for your child to keep in school then that would be brilliant. We do go outside every day in all weathers so the better they are prepared for this the cleaner and drier they will stay. Please name them and pop them in a named plastic bag so we can keep them on their pegs. Please don't worry if you are not able to do this. We do have some spare wet weather gear that the children are able to borrow, and we will look to fundraise in the new year for some additional bits if required.

**Tapestry** Hopefully you are all set up to use tapestry. We use this as a platform to keep you updated with how your child is getting on with their day and provide you with a little insight into the things they are getting up to. Please 'like' or comment on the photos if you can.

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Please also add photos of things your child gets up to at home so that we can share this together in school. Sharing photos of their weekend for example can be a great way for the children to feel confident and comfortable with communicating.

We would like to invite you all to join us on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9am – 10am** for a **Christmas Cowrie Celebration**. The children will sing a couple of songs for you and then there will be an opportunity for you to complete a Christmas craft with your child (and eat a mince pie). Even if your child does not attend preschool on a Wednesday then you are very welcome to come along together with them for this Christmassy session.

**Starlings** Breakfast and after school wraparound provision is now available for all children at St Minver School. We have also been able to extend this offer for our nursery children and sessions available are Monday – Friday mornings and Monday – Thursday afternoons. Please email the school office on [hello@stminver.org](mailto:hello@stminver.org) to book a space should you require it.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to pop in to see me.

Kind regards,

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