



St Minver School and Nursery

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

Friday 9th November 2024

Polzeath Class

We hope you have all had a restful half term. We are very excited about the new learning that we will be covering in Polzeath class this term.

Our topic this half term will focus on Anglo Saxons, where the children will immerse themselves in discovering what Britannia was like at the end of the 4th century and how it was invaded from 410 AD.

Each day, the children will spend the morning engaged in developing their English and Maths skills. They will be writing creatively this half term and will produce their own defeating the monster tale. We will continue to read daily in school and will start by reading *The Water Horse* by Dick King Smith. As well as reading daily at school, please do encourage your child to read at home. 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. We have a huge choice of wonderful books at school, and we are very happy to help your child select a book. 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 do encourage your child to use TTR (Times Tables Rockstars) at home. The login details can be found in their reading record.

The children are developing their independence, and we thank you for your support in allowing them to enter the classroom by themselves. Each morning children should take out their reading book, reading record, pencil case (if they have one) and place them in their trays. School bags and book bags can be hung up on their pegs. We hope that you can see the huge progress they have made since September in becoming independent. This term there will be a focus on becoming independent learners and we will be developing the skills to take responsibility for our own learning.

PE days have now changed to Monday and Wednesday and will stay on these days for the rest of Year 4. Homework and spellings will be given out on Friday to be returned the following Thursday.

Finally, Mrs Jones will be teaching Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Miss Merson will teach on a Thursday. Miss Bradley, Mr Hawtin and Mr Rickard will also teach in Polzeath class. 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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