

## St Minver School and Nursery

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

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

## **Polzeath Class**

We hope you have all had a super summer holiday. We are delighted to welcome you back to school and we are very excited about the new learning that we will be covering in Polzeath class this term.

Our first topic will focus on Settlements, where the children will study land use in and around our local area and compare this to other types of settlements. In science, we will investigate animals and their habitats, increasing and developing our knowledge from earlier learning. We will look at animals in our local area and how to classify them.

Each day the children will spend the morning engaged in developing their English and Maths skills. The first four weeks of English will focus on revising and embedding sentence structure work to equip the children with skills to become expert writers. They will also read The BFG by Roald Dahl. We would love for every child to have their own copy of the text and currently have 20 copies in school. If your child has a copy at home please can you allow them to bring it into school? All books will be returned. 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 are blessed to have a huge range of books at school and we are always happy to help children find something that interests them. Please do not hesitate to ask if your child is struggling to find a book that suits them. We will focus on developing our knowledge of times tables and take part in daily fluency practice to increase speed and accuracy when recalling multiplication facts.

As part of being in Year 4, we will be encouraging the children to become even more independent and would ask for your support in helping them achieve this. 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. We know that they will want to impress you with their maturity.

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

Finally, Mrs Jones will be teaching Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for the first half term and Miss Merson will teach on a Wednesday. After October half term Miss Merson will teach on Thursday and Mrs Jones will teach the rest of the week. Miss Bradly, 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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