



# St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Polzeath Class

Welcome to the new academic year 2025-2026 and Polzeath 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.

Our first topic will focus on My Region and Campania, where the children will compare where they live with a region in Italy. This will include a visit to Porthilly Beach to make sketch maps of physical and human geographical features. In science, we will investigate plants and living things, increasing and developing our knowledge from earlier learning, including how animals and plants reproduce.

Each day the children will spend the morning engaged in developing their English and Maths skills. The first two weeks of English will focus on revising and embedding sentence structure work to equip the children with skills to become expert writers. Following that we will write non-chronological reports linked to our science topic. Children will read every day at school developing their fluency and comprehension skills. 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 for our support if your child is struggling to find a book that suits them. In maths, we will continue to be taught in year groups from Monday to Thursday and we will have one session a week as Polzeath Class, where we will focus on arithmetic. Polzeath Class will also focus on developing our knowledge of times tables and take part in daily fluency practice to increase speed and accuracy when recalling multiplication facts.

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. Maths homework and spellings will be given out on Friday to be returned the following Friday.

Finally, Mr Gill will be teaching Monday-Wednesday, and Mrs Hewitt will teach Thursday and Friday. Mr Hawtin and Mr Rickard will support teaching in Polzeath at different times through the week.

We look forward to a happy and enjoyable and memorable autumn term in Polzeath Class!

Kind regards,

Sam Gill and Sally Hewitt

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