

St Minver School and Nursery

Head of School: Mrs A Warren

Friday 12th September 2025

Porthilly 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 will be happening in Porthilly Class. The children have made an excellent start to the year and have already wowed us with their enthusiasm for learning.

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 Porthilly class, where we will focus on arithmetic. Porthilly 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.

PE days will be on a Wednesday and Friday. Please encourage your child to bring their kit to school every week so that they are ready to take part in lessons. Maths homework and spellings will be given out on Friday to be returned the following Thursday.

Finally, Mrs Gibson will be teaching every Monday, and Mrs Jones will teach from Tuesday to Friday. Mr. Hawtin, Miss Hunter, Mr Goosey and Mr Rickard will support teaching in Porthilly If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see one of us.

Kind regards,
Mrs Jones and Mrs Gibson

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