

Greenaway Class - Autumn 2

Our Main Topic

This week, we have travelled back in time to the year 1605 to find out all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot and why this significant historical event is still remembered today.

This half term we are continuing to explore the overarching question: "Why is St Minver so special?" After a geography-focused first half term, we are now turning our attention to the rich local history that surrounds us. Our new topic, Changes Over Time, will give the children the opportunity to learn about life in Cornwall in the past. We will discover the history of tin and copper mining and its impact on the local community. Towards the end of the unit we will consider why the mines closed and how the mining heritage is celebrated and preserved in the present day.



English

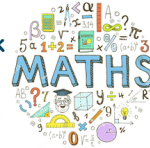
This week Paddington has set the children an exciting challenge to write a new page for his book 'Paddington's Guide to London'. During this unit of work the children will learn about the key features of a non-chronological report and find out lots of exciting facts about our capital city, London. We couldn't believe how many magnificent, tall buildings there are in London compared to our local area. Later this term, we will also plan and write a set of instructions on how to make the perfect marmalade sandwich to finish our English work centered around Paddington. We are going to miss him next term!



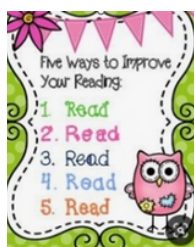
Maths

This half term we continue with our work on addition and subtraction before moving on to our next unit of work all about 2d and 3d shapes.

In Year 1 we are learning to work out and recall number bonds to 10. In Year 2 we are learning how to add and subtract two, 2-digit numbers.



Reading at Home



Please try to encourage your child to read every day at home if they can. We welcome the positive comments you make in their reading record and appreciate the time you take to listen to your child read. It really does make such a difference to their

progress! The children have enjoyed working their way to the top of our reading tree where a special reward is waiting for them from 'Twit Twoo' our class mascot to celebrate the wonderful reading taking place at home. The children have enjoyed receiving some special certificates to celebrate their reading success as they move through our 'woodland' set of books. Keep up the super reading Greenaway Class!



Weekly Routines

Monday - Homework and spellings are handed out. Library books collected in. PE with Mrs Cudmore.

Wednesday - Visit to the library to choose a new book. Music with Mrs Davis and PE with Mr Rickard. New 'phonic' book sent home for those children on the Little Wandle Reading Scheme.

Friday - Spelling quiz, homework folders to be returned and active mile.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE Days

Please remember to send your child's PE kit into school in a named carrier bag ready for their PE lessons on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Don't forget that the children may come to school on a Friday wearing their trainers and jogging bottoms ready for our active mile in the afternoon.

Homework

Each week the children in Year 2 will be given spellings and maths homework. This will be sent home on a Monday and collected on a Friday. Please try to practise spellings daily if possible—little and often is the best way to learn them. Spellings will be tested each Friday morning with a little quiz. Your child will also bring home a piece of maths homework which is designed to reinforce the learning that has taken place in class.

After Christmas we will introduce homework for the children in Year 1 too!



If you have any further questions or queries, no matter how big or small, then please don't hesitate to ask. I am looking forward to another exciting half term in Greenaway Class as the countdown to Christmas begins!

Louisa Cudmore