

Porthilly Class - Autumn 2

Reading

Each day, our reading sessions focus on developing children's fluency, deepening their understanding of texts, and strengthening their ability to answer questions about what they've read. To end the day, we share a carefully chosen book together as a class. This half term, our shared text is *The House with Chicken Legs* - a fantasy adventure about a girl who yearns for a normal life but destiny has other ideas for her!



Our Main Topic

Our big question, "Why is St Minver so special?", continues to guide our learning. After exploring geography last half term, we are now diving into the rich local history that surrounds us.

This half term, our topic *Changes Over Time* will take us on an exciting journey into the world of smuggling along the Cornish coastline. Children will discover how smuggling developed over the centuries, why it happened, and what impact it had on local communities. Through historical enquiry, they'll explore the causes and consequences of this illicit trade and finish the topic by learning how smuggling led to the creation of The HM Coastguard, which still protects our shores today.



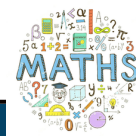
English

This half term, we'll be using *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to inspire our narrative writing! Children will create imaginative stories and explore a range of spelling rules and grammar features, including expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, similes, rhetorical questions (to engage the reader), and parenthesis (to add extra detail). In non-fiction, we'll focus on recount writing, giving children lots of opportunities to practise and refine their skills. They will continue to deepen their understanding of punctuation, such as commas and question marks, while developing confidence and creativity in their writing.

Maths

In our daily maths lessons, we will continue to focus on times tables to build fluency and confidence.

Both Year 4 and Year 5 will explore strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, alongside work on fractions and decimals. Year 4 will also investigate length and perimeter, while Year 5 will develop skills in interpreting and presenting data through statistics.



PE Days



Children in Porthilly Class take part in two PE sessions each week, which are held on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child brings their named PE kit on both days so they can fully participate in all activities.

Homework

Research shows that listening to your child read every day at home has a powerful impact on their long-term success. Please make time to hear your child read their book daily and remember to sign their reading diary to celebrate their progress.

Maths and spelling homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned the following Thursday. To support times tables practice, children also have access to Times Table Rock Stars—an exciting and interactive way to build speed and confidence with multiplication facts.

