

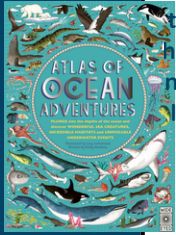


# Polzeath Class Summer 1



## 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 have read. This half term, our reading materials will include a range of texts linked to our geography topic on the world's oceans. To further develop our understanding of the incredible ocean environment, we will be reading *The Atlas of Ocean Adventures*.



## Our Main Topic

*I can see the sea*: Our main topic this half term is a geography topic all about the seas and oceans which cover over 70 percent of our planet. We will look at the differences between a sea and an ocean, and identify the Earth's 5 oceans. Our investigation of these vast bodies of water will look at the incredible biodiversity found in the oceans, and why these ocean environments are vital to the health of our planet. We will also look at the important role the world's oceans play in the water cycle. To finish the topic we will look at the impact human activity is having on our oceans and the steps we can take to help protect them.

## English

This half term, the whole school will be focusing on sentence construction. Correctly constructed and accurately punctuated sentences form the backbone of effective and engaging writing. Throughout the half term, pupils will take part in a range of practical and written activities designed to improve the accuracy and quality of their sentence writing.

We will be exploring all the elements that make up a well-written sentence and learning how these can be applied confidently within pupils' creative and independent writing.



## Maths

In our daily maths lessons, we will continue to focus on times tables in order to build fluency and confidence. Year 4 will have a particular focus on times tables as we draw closer to the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check in June.

Both Year 3 and Year 4 will be focusing on fractions this half term.

Pupils will learn to recognise fractions, add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, and find fractions of amounts. Year 4 will also extend their learning by working on mixed numbers and decimal tenths and hundredths.



## PE Days

Children in Polzeath Class take part in two PE sessions each week, which are held on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child brings their named PE kit on both days so they can fully participate in all activities. This half term, Polzeath class will be covering cricket skills on Tuesday and tennis on Friday.

## Homework

Thank you for continuing to support your children to complete their weekly homework. It is wonderful to see so many children handing in homework every week. Please continue to take time to hear your child read 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, with weekly certificates awarded to the highest scorer.



If you have any questions, concerns or information about your child to share, please feel free to pop in for a chat—we are always happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Gill and Mrs Hewitt