

Porthilly 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 fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our main topic on Oceans and Seas.

To end each day, we enjoy sharing a carefully chosen class story. This term, we will begin reading *This Morning I Met a Whale*, which links beautifully to our ocean learning and encourages thoughtful discussion and reflection.



Our Main Topic

Our main topic this half term is a geography unit exploring the seas and oceans, which cover over 70% of our planet. We will learn about the differences between a sea and an ocean and identify the Earth's five oceans.

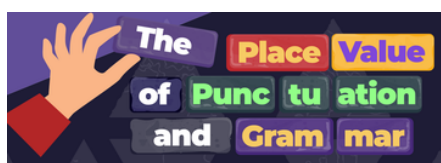
As part of our investigation into these vast bodies of water, we will explore the incredible biodiversity found within ocean environments and learn why healthy oceans are vital to the wellbeing of our planet. We will also study the important role oceans play in the water cycle. To conclude the topic, we will examine the impact of human activity on the world's oceans and discuss the steps we can take to help protect and care for them.



English

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

We will be covering all the key elements that make up a well-written sentence and will then apply these skills 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. Both Year 4 and Year 5 will explore a range of strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, alongside applying these skills within reasoning and problem-solving questions.

As a class, we will also be learning about decimals, including tenths and hundredths, as well as developing an understanding of percentages.



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

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.

