

Cowrie Class - Summer 2



Reading and Phonics

At St Minver, we are committed to nurturing your child's love of reading from the moment they join us. This half term, your child will bring home a small blue reading record along with a book they have chosen from our class library.

Inside the front cover of the reading record, you'll find handy tips for sharing the book at home. After you've enjoyed the book together, please write a short comment or sign the record. We'll then make sure your child chooses a new book the next time they are in school.

This half term, our book selection includes a much-loved range of our animal stories to support our topic. In addition, our daily phonics sessions will begin for our 2026 school starters. The sounds we'll focus on are:

ck, x, sh, th, ng, nk,

Our Topic: "Our Big Wide World"

This half term, the children will be learning about the amazing world around them—from the places we live to the faraway lands. Key themes will typically include:

- People and places - discovering different countries, cultures and communities.
- weather and seasons- noticing how weather changes and affects our lives.
- Animals around the world - learning about creatures from different habitats (jungles, ocean and Arctic.)
- Maps and globes - beginning to understand that the world is a big place with lots of different areas.
- Similarities and differences - celebrating how people are both alike and different across the world.



Book Bags

We believe it's important for every child to have a book bag for school. A book bag provides:

- A safe place for letters and documentation
- A secure way to transport reading books between home and school
- A sense of belonging for your child

If you need a book bag, please let us know—our wonderful PTA kindly provides them for all new starters. We have received our first batch and the children are so excited to be bringing them into school. We have some more on the way so please don't worry if your child has not yet received one.

Thank you for your support!



Weekly Updates

Weekly updates will continue to be posted on tapestry each week. These updates give you an opportunity to help prepare your child for the learning ahead.

If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to pop in and see me—I'm always happy to help!



Sun Hats and Sun Cream

As we are now enjoying warmer weather and spending more time outdoors, we kindly ask that all children come to nursery prepared for the sun. please ensure your child has:

- A named sun hat that has good coverage
- A named bottle of sun cream suitable for their skin type.
- Clothing appropriate for warm weather, while still providing protection from the sun where possible.

We recommend that sun cream is applied before your child arrives at nursery.

Important dates for the diary

- Friday 19th June - Sports Day
- Friday 3rd July - Colour Run
- Wednesday 15th July - Graduation for September school starters
- Tuesday 30th June - Transition day for Reception starters
- Wednesday 1st July - 1-1 parent meetings with Reception teacher



Tapestry



Hopefully, you are all set up to use Tapestry. We use this platform to keep you updated on how your child is getting on during the day and to give you a little insight into the activities they enjoy.

Please feel free to 'like' or comment on the photos we share—it's lovely to see your feedback! You can also add photos from home, such as weekend activities or special moments. Sharing these helps us celebrate your child's experiences and gives them confidence when talking about what they've been doing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to pop in for a chat or book an appointment—I'm always happy to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Hannah Treleven