



# Polzeath Class

## Summer 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 have read. This half term, our reading materials will include a range of texts linked to our History topic. To further develop our understanding of the Maya, we will be reading *Oh Maya Gods!* by Maz Evans.



### Our Main Topic

Our main topic this half term is a history unit exploring who the Maya people were, when and where in the world they lived and the reasons why they were so successful. The children will discover how we know about the Maya people, their beliefs and the hierarchy system that was in place in society and the important inventions that they made, especially in farming. They will also draw comparisons between the Ancient Maya Civilisation and Anglo-Saxon Britain, with a focus on the similarities and differences between the Maya City States and the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms.

### English

This half term, Polzeath Class will review all the key elements that make up a well-written sentence and will then apply these skills within their creative and independent writing. They will write non-chronological reports about our own fictional deep-sea fish linked to our work on the oceans from before half term. The children will look at the "burger" model to help structure non-fiction texts. They will investigate the structural and sentence elements of non-chronological reports. They will then use this structure to write a report on an imaginary fish that has just been discovered deep in the midnight zone of the ocean.

### 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 they will be undertaking the Multiplication Tables Check during the second week of the half term. Year 4 will be consolidating their work on decimals to start the half term. Both Year 3 and Year 4 will be focusing on money, followed by a unit on statistics and data handling before ending the half term with some work on shape.



### PE Days

PE sessions each week will continue to be 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 Track and field athletics skills on Tuesday and outdoor and adventurous activities 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