

Porthilly 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 fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our main topic on the Mayans and our science topic Earth and Space.

To end each day, we enjoy sharing a carefully chosen class story. This term, we will continue to read *This morning I met a whale*.



Our Main Topic

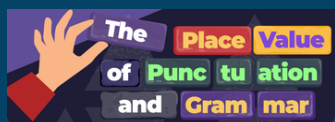
Our main topic this half term is a history unit exploring who the Maya people were, when and where in the world they lived and the reasons why they were so successful. The children will discover how we know about the Maya people, their beliefs and the hierarchy system that was in place in society and 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, Porthilly class will focus on revisiting and strengthening all the key elements that contribute to a well-written sentence. Pupils will practise using capital letters, full stops and other punctuation accurately, as well as developing their understanding of sentence structure, including the use of conjunctions, expanded noun phrases and varied sentence openings. They will be encouraged to think carefully about clarity, meaning and fluency in their writing, building confidence in both constructing and improving their sentences.

These skills will then be applied across a range of creative and independent writing opportunities. In particular, pupils will plan, draft and publish non-chronological reports about their own fictional planets. Through this, they will learn to organise their writing using headings and subheadings, write in a clear and informative style, and use subject-specific vocabulary to engage the reader. They will also develop their editing skills by reviewing and improving their work to ensure accuracy, cohesion and impact.



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 shape; angles, properties of shape, 3D shapes position and direction and co-ordinates.



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.



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.

Mrs Jones and Mrs Gibson