

Polzeath Class - Autumn 1

My Region and Campania



Our topic this half term is My Region and Campania. The focus of this unit is to explore the similarities and differences between our region in the South West and the region of Campania in Italy. Throughout the unit, we will learn about plate tectonics, including earthquakes and volcanoes, and investigate the human and physical features of Campania. As part of this unit, children will experience a local field trip consisting of a walk around the local area. Further information about this trip will be shared in due course.

English



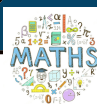
This half term, our main focus in English is developing the grammar and punctuation skills needed to support writing. Children will practise applying these skills in a range of contexts before moving on to a non-chronological report writing unit towards the end of the half term.



Multiplication Tables Check

In June, all Year 4 children will take part in the national Multiplication Tables Check, which assesses their fluency in recalling times tables up to 12×12 . The online test consists of 25 timed questions, with 6 seconds per question. To help your child become familiar with the speed and format of the test, we encourage regular practice at home using Times Table Rock Stars. Little and often is the best way to build confidence and rapid recall of multiplication facts within the timeframe.

Maths



In Maths this half term, we will begin with a Place Value unit, building on children's prior knowledge and developing their understanding of numbers up to 10,000. Later in the half term, we will move on to addition and subtraction, where children will learn and practise formal written methods for solving calculations accurately and efficiently. Before each maths lesson, we will complete a multiplication fluency booklet and take part in choral chanting of multiplication facts. These activities are designed to develop rapid recall of times tables and encourage pupils to confidently and accurately say multiplication facts aloud as a group.

Homework

Homework will focus on regular reading and Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) practice. Reading with your child and discussing what they have read helps to develop their understanding, vocabulary and confidence when answering comprehension-style questions, while regular TTRS practice supports the rapid recall of multiplication facts needed for the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.



PE Days

PE will take place on Monday and Friday afternoons. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on these days. In addition to PE on Friday afternoon, children will also take part in the Active Mile on Friday mornings after registration and morning maths.

Diary Dates

25th September- Non-school uniform day for The Children's Cancer Unit

9th October - World Mental Health Day - add a splash of yellow

Week beg 19th October - Autumn Term Parent/Teacher Meetings

23rd October - Non Pupil Day

26th October - 30th October - Half Term

2nd November - Non Pupil Day



If you have any further questions or queries, no matter how big or small, then please don't hesitate to ask.

Miss W-A