Polzeath Class - Autumn 2

My Region and Campania



Our geography topic, My Region and Campania, will continue until Christmas. Children will learn about earthquakes and volcanoes, explore the physical features, land use and city of Naples in Campania and compare these with our local area in the South West. By the end of the unit, pupils will use their learning to answer the key question: What are the similarities and differences between my region and Campania?

English



This half term, children will build on the writing skills developed in Autumn 1 and apply them across a range of genres. They will write a diary recount, setting description and plot weave, focusing on crafting engaging descriptions, and using key grammar and punctuation skills effectively.

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

IIn Maths this half term, children will learn about measurement and area, using practical and written methods to measure, compare and calculate accurately. They will also develop their understanding of multiplication and division, building fluency with times tables and applying this knowledge to solve a range of problems. Before each maths lesson, we will complete a multiplication fluency booklet and take part in choral chanting of multiplication facts to develop rapid recall and confidence with times tables. There will also be timetabled opportunity for children to practice their times tables recall on the TTRS game. This game is essential for prepparing children for their MTC check at the end of year 4.

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

3.11.26 Remembrance items for sale from today
11.11.26 Flu Vaccinations
13.11.26 Children in Need Donation Day & bake sale
17.11.26 Little Life Savers course Porthilly Class
18.11.26 KS2 X Country
Wk Beg 16.11.26 Hamper Donations
27.11.26 PTA Event - Wreath Making
30.11.26 Scholastic Book Fair in school all week
30.11.26 Christmas Fair
Wk Beg 30.11.26 Secret Room Donations
8.12.26 Christmas Plays KS1 1pm, KS2 2pm, KS1 5pm
9.12.26 Christmas Play KS2 5pm
11.12.26 Secret Room
15.12.26 KS1 Christmas Theatre in school]
15.12.26 KS2 Christmas Panto at The Hall for Cornwall
16.12.26 Christmas Lunch
18.12.26 Term ends 2pm



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

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