Porthilly Class - Autumn 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 Earth and Space. To end each day, we enjoy sharing a carefully chosen class story.

Our Main Topic

This half term our main topic is a science topic about: Earth and Space. We will be learning about the movement of the Earth and how this gives us day, night and different seasons. We will then venture further out into our solar system system and look at the different planets which orbit our sun. Because many of the children have already studied elements of this topic in previous classes, we will look to extend our knowledge by looking at human exploration of space. We will study the timeline of human space travel, look at the experiences of famous astronauts and investigate the type of technological innovations which might carry humans further into space in the future. To infinity and beyond!

English

This half term, Porthilly class will be applying the grammatical knowledge and the complex sentence structures we looked at last half term to longer pieces of writing. Our focus will be on fiction writing and we will be writing some fictional letters as a recount based on a character's adventure into a fantastical arcade. We will then move on to writing a setting description based on imagined fantasy theme parks. We will look at how we can use descriptive writing devices to "Pan" a setting, giving the reader a detailled overview of the scene and really immersing them in the virtual experience of our written descriptions.

Maths

In our daily maths lessons, we will be we will start the half term by looking at multiplication and division. The children's timestables skills will come into play as they work to understand multiples, factors, squared numbers and how to multiply and divide numbers by factors of 10. We will then move on to begin the first of our year 5 fractions units in which the children will secure their knowledge of egivalent fractions, the relation ship between mmixed numbers and improper fractions and how to add and subtract fractions. Throughout the term we will also keep a focus on timestables facts as they underpin so much of the maths work we are carrying out this term.

PE Days

Children will take part in two PE sessions each week.

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Children can wear their PE kits to school on these days.

Homework

Please read with your child every day for 10-15 minutes. Reading together helps develop fluency, comprehension, vocabulary and a love of books. Discussing the story, making predictions and asking questions about what they have read can further deepen understanding.
Daily practise of times tables is also essential. Please allow tables practise on Times Table Rock Stars, chanting tables or use flashcards, which can be provided by school.

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