



# St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs J Rodwell

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

This half term has flown by, and we are now in the final week of the children's first half term at school. We are so proud of how the children have settled into school. They all enter school both happily and independently and complete our start of the day routines with confidence. Our topic for this half term 'Nice to Meet You' has given us all a chance to spend time together and find out about our families, our likes, and our dislikes. Thank you so much for all your support with researching your family trees and sending in historical items for us to investigate. We will take this learning with us into the second half of the autumn term where our topic will be 'Do you remember when?'

**Phonics** This week is our assessment week. The children have all made excellent progress with learning their sounds, with blending and beginning to read. Your child's yellow reading diary will come home on Wednesday with a phonics book for them to read over the half term based on the sounds they can confidently recognise. We will also make a note of any sounds your child is less confident with plus some ideas for practising their blending skills. Please continue to hear your child read every day and sign the yellow reading diary for their phonics work and the blue reading diary for the daily reader and library books.

**Half term Challenge** Keeping up with daily reading is important, even if it just a short session. Please also practise name writing and number recognition to at least 10. It would be great if you could pop a few photos on to Tapestry of your half term adventures so that the children can use these as a prompt to talk to us about what they have been up to.

Remember that Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October is a non-pupil day, so this half term finishes on Thursday. Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the break.

Kind regards,

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