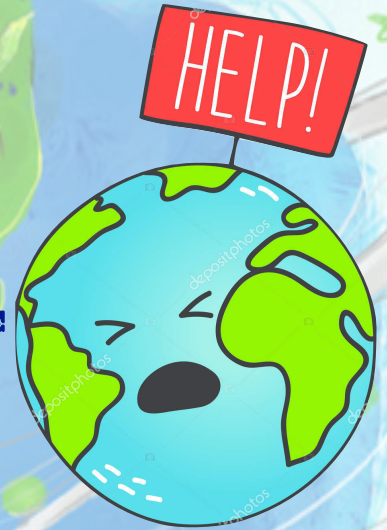


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Spring Term News

TRENCROM, LANYON and KERRIS
CLASSES

**No-one is too
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difference**



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In the Spring Term the children will be learning all about Natural Disasters. Our project will have a very strong emphasis on Geography-looking at volcanoes, earthquakes, tornadoes and survival. We will also be building upon the children's existing field skills. Our main focus will be led by our essential statement "No-one is too small to make a difference" (Greta Thunberg) We will be looking at ways we can make changes within our school and local community to help and heal nature, thinking about our impact upon the planet. We will end the term with a 'Market Square' to share our learning.

Breaking News...

As part of our learning we would like to try to embrace the idea of 'Meat Free Mondays.' Could we ask for your support when preparing home packed lunches this term where possible!



English

We will begin the term by writing shape poems. We will then move on to fiction writing using the book 'The Tin Forest' to inspire our writing. Next we will move on to writing explanation texts - writing about natural disasters. After half term we will be writing adventure stories and promoting our final exhibition using our persuasive writing skills. We will, of course, retain a strong focus upon reading, which will be supported by our reading passports and reading karate scheme. Please continue to read regularly at home as well as learning spellings which are given out at the beginning of each half term. Your child will also be able to practise their spellings online at home using 'Spelling Shed'.

Maths

In maths we will be looking at deepening understanding through the use of physical maths resources, pictures and models as well as written methods. By the end of Year 4, the children should know all of their tables up to 12 x 12. Tables knowledge is so useful for many aspects of maths and builds the children's confidence considerably. We will of course be encouraging the children to continue to work towards achieving their Jedi Badges.

Science

In the first half of the term we will be learning about Rocks. We will investigate rock formations, properties of different rocks and where these can be found locally. After half term we will be linking our science learning to our DT project. After learning about electrical circuits we will put our skills into practise making lamps.

Computing

As well as continuing to focus on online safety, we will explore rainforests through Virtual Reality (VR) apps. We will create our own interactive learning games for younger children to play.

Uniform

We are very pleased to see all your children looking so smart in their full winter uniforms. As a school we place particular emphasis on the children wearing the correct uniform at all times. Please see a member of the team or refer to our website if you have any questions. Children should keep their full PE kit in school; red shorts, white polo shirt and black plimsolls or trainers. It may also be helpful for children to have their tracksuit in school as the weather can be so unpredictable. Outdoor Learning also forms an essential part of our learning, we would ask that your child keeps a set of old clothes in school ready for these activities.

RE

RE this term links very closely to our project as we investigate Beliefs in Action. This also links to our PSHE and citizenship learning.

DT & Art

In Art this term, children will be creating pieces of art using collage skills, using 'found' materials to produce our final pieces. In DT we will be focusing on electricity. We shall be linking this to our science learning this term and using our skills to then produce some up cycled pieces for our final exhibition.

PE

In PE will continue to teach the children a range of sports as well as promoting physical activity. As usual, Mr T will deliver PE on a Wednesday afternoon, however, the children will still need to have their full PE kit in school all week. As well as this, we will continue to complete outdoor learning sessions with Daisy so please can you ensure that wellies are in school at all times. We will send a message home when the children may need old clothes.

Music

We will explore different areas of music this term, supported by the wonderful Mrs England.

From time to time we will be watching extracts from films to enhance the children's learning. Some of these may have a PG or possibly a 12a rating. We will also be watching some of the Horrible History programmes, which are rated PG. If you have any concerns about this, please do not hesitate to come in and see us.