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# Spring Term News

TRENCROM, LANYON and KERRIS CLASSES

## No-one is too small to make a 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 how climate change has affected our local area. We will also be building upon the children's existing field work 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 by holding our very own 'Alverton Summit' in which we will discuss how we can make a difference to the area in which we live.



## English

We will begin the term by writing performance 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 explanation texts - writing about natural disasters. After half term we will be writing adventure survival stories as well as writing newspaper articles about disasters in Cornwall. 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 the children will be learning how to use a range of calculation strategies. They will apply this knowledge when solving real life maths problems. Mental maths skills are an essential part of our learning and we will be focusing on tables knowledge. 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 by focusing on 'Electricity'.

## Computing

As well as continuing to focus on online safety and what is 'Fake or Real', we will link our computing learning to our project by exploring endangered species using online research skills as well as Google Earth to 'visit' some habitats.

## 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.

## RE

RE this term links very closely to our project as we investigate 'How and why people try to make the world a better place' as well as thinking about 'Why Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday'.

## DT & Art

In Art this term, children will be developing their painting skills whilst looking at the work of a range of artists, before creating a final piece inspired by deforestation. In DT we will be focusing on electricity. We shall be linking this to our science learning this term and using our skills and knowledge to make night lights.

## PE

In PE, we will be teaching the children dance on a Monday afternoon. 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 on alternating Thursday afternoons 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

Lanyon will be learning how to play the recorder and the other classes will be learning about glockenspiels using GarageBand. We will also be developing key skills and thinking about 'Recycling'.

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.