



Autumn Term Overview

Puffins, Owls and Kingfishers

Autumn 2016

Getting Organised

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a lovely summer and are ready for the new exciting challenges this year.

We are very pleased to see all your children looking so smart in their **fully named** uniforms (see the school uniform policy if you have any queries.) Please make sure that your child brings their coat to school each day and wears sensible, low heeled, plain black shoes (no trainers, skate shoes or boots please). Please remember to name purses as well!

PE kit (**named**) is required in school from Monday to Friday. This should include red shorts, plain white T- shirt or polo shirt, plimsolls or trainers.

Please can your child have a named water bottle as this is crucial to keep children hydrated and ready to learn. In the interests of hygiene the children will not be allowed to drink from cups. Fruit is provided, for KS1 and EYFS, as part of the Government scheme at morning break time each day.



Classroom Support

Could you spare a little time during the school day to support the children's learning ?

If you can help in any way please drop in **after school** and arrange a time. We are particularly looking for support with reading.



Working Together

Throughout the year it is natural that you or your child may have concerns and we are more than happy to discuss these with you. If you need to see us please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment. Things are always hectic first thing in the morning, so we usually have more time to talk to you after school.

Sharing Assemblies

Each class will have one sharing assemblies over the year and dates for these will be available in the Friday newsletter.

You are welcome to come and join us for your child's assembly— they usually start at 2.45.

Exhibitions

Each term the whole Key Stage will have three exhibitions which will celebrate and show case the learning for the term. This term it will be a Medieval Party, which will replace our traditional Christmas nativity.

Home Learning

Please help your child to become a confident reader by practising each evening. Homework activities will be sent out termly with a range of activities to choose from. There will be a 'meet the teacher' session during the week beginning 12th September where we will be able to answer any of your queries and talk about the school day and school expectations.



Rewards

In our classes, and throughout the school community, children are rewarded for good work and positive behaviour. They can be awarded **BARTS, house points, certificates, stickers, class rewards, Star of the Week and lunchtime awards.**

Entering School

From KS1 we encourage independence and would like children to enter via the hall and walk to their classrooms on their own. This allows the teacher time to welcome and settle the class and we hope you will work with us in encouraging your child to do this as soon as possible. Should you need to speak with a member of staff in the morning you will need to sign in and enter the school through the office.



This Term's Learning

We try hard to make learning fun. We expect our pupils to work hard and to try their best but we also want them to enjoy their learning.

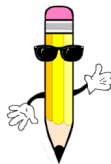


This term's essential question is "How can you party like it is 1099?" and our immersive learning will be based around the topic of castle life.

English

This term we will be reading and writing captions based on the castle life. We will also be writing instructions, recipes and reading medieval poetry.

The children will practise their handwriting regularly and will be taught spelling both phonetically and by learning common words by sight. Children will continue to be taught about punctuation and sentence structure.



Mathematics

In maths this term the children will be learning how to use a range of calculation strategies. They will learn about number, money, measures, shape and space and data handling. They will apply this knowledge in solving real life problems. Mental skills such as doubling and halving and number bonds are an essential part of our learning.



Science

We will be considering the world around us and studying plants and trees in our immediate environment. We begin a study of seasonal changes and this will develop over the year. To accompany our medieval theme will also be growing a medieval herb garden. Children will be taught to work scientifically and will use discussion to develop their spoken language skills,



Geography

We will examine features and characteristics of our local environment and use ICT programs to explore maps. We will use what we learn to create our own maps. During our visit to Pendennis we will use their map to navigate the castle and grounds.



History

This will be our main focus for learning. We will be learning about the history of castles, what it was like to live in a castle, what people ate and how they defended and attacked castles.

Art & Design

We will use a range of media and materials, to create a coat of arms on a flag ready for exhibition.



Design Technology

We will be designing, making and evaluating our own sweet smelling pomanders.



Computing

We will be learning to use ICT programs which allow us to create, organise, store and manipulate digital content in order to produce a poster. We will also learn about how to keep safe on the internet.



RE

This term we are learning about Christianity. We will first learn about the Church, then about stories Jesus told and Christian Christmas celebrations.

PSHE

We are creating our own class charters with rules for our classrooms and how we are all part of a community.

