

Summer Term Overview 2016

Puffins, Owls and Kingfishers

Being Organised

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready for some new and exciting challenges this term.

We are very pleased to see all your children returning to school in their **fully named** uniforms (please 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 we cannot allow the children to drink from cups. A fruit snack is provided as part of the Government scheme at morning break time each day. Any snacks brought from home will need to be healthy in accordance with our status as a "Healthy School".



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 speak to one of the team.



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 an opportunity to share their learning through 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.

Home Learning

Please help your child to become a confident reader by practising reading and spelling each evening. Homework activities are sent out termly with a range of activities to choose from.

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

Please remember that we expect that the children will enter via the hall and walk to their classrooms on their own. 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. Thank you for your support.



This Term's Learning

We want our pupils to enjoy their learning and we aim to make it as enjoyable as possible! We expect the children to try their best but we also want them to have fun.

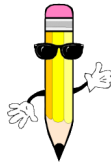


This term's essential question is "What makes a tale last forever?" and our immersive learning will be based around the topic of myths, legends and fairy tales.

English

This term the children will be investigating a range of stories and identifying the features needed to write their own amazing tale!

They will continue to practise their handwriting and phonics daily and to bring home weekly spelling lists to practise at home. Grammar work will be focused on sentence structure and punctuation.



Mathematics

In maths this term the children will be practising a range of calculation strategies. They will learn about number, money, measures, shape and space and data handling and apply this knowledge in solving real life problems through our challenge lessons. Our daily "Marvellous Maths" sessions will focus on consolidating essential mental maths skills.



Science

We will be looking at materials and their properties and finding out why different materials are used for different things. We will test out which materials are better to use for certain purposes.

The children will also discover how some materials can be changed and how these changes can be made.



Geography

We will use basic geographical vocabulary to describe key features of our local environment and use fieldwork and observational skills to explore our school grounds and the wider area.



Art & Design

We will use a range of media, materials and techniques to create front covers and illustrations for the stories that we write.



Design Technology

We will plan, design and then use a range of tools and materials to create a useful product. When finished we will evaluate our work to see what went well and what we might do differently next time.



Computing

We will continue to work with the iPads and to use them for sorting and storing information, programming and as an aid to learning across the curriculum.



RE

This term we will continue our focus on Christianity with a particular focus on Christianity in Cornwall.



PSHE

Our themes for the term will be "Dear Diary" and "Joining In and Joining Up." We will also think about how to make the right choices and some of the consequences that may occur if we make the wrong ones.