AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

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TRENCROM, LANYON AND KERRIS



Could you survive the Stone Age?

Trencrom Class
Miss Rudge
Mrs Richards

Lanyon Class Team
Mrs Dennison
Ms Williams & Mrs Leiworthy

Kerris Class
Mrs Knowles
Mrs May & Mrs Ladd

In the Autumn Term, we will be learning about Pre-History - from the Stone Age right through to the Iron Age. We will be looking how they lived, where they lived as well as how their discoveries influenced our daily lives today. We are hoping to take advantage of some of the local places of interest with a little fieldwork too.

Return to School

Our return to school this term is going to be little different to normal and there are a few things we would appreciate your support with:

Could we please ask that you make sure your child brings a named water bottle in to school every day; and that they take it home each day to be washed and refilled. Bottles can be topped up in our workspace during the day but we don't have the facility to ensure they are washed thoroughly.

W are unable to have any soft toys or personal belongings in school, other than the necessary clothing and lunch bags etc that they need for the school day. Your child will still have their own peg to keep PE kits and lunch boxes. We will be providing all children with their own set of equipment to use in the classroom.

Spellings: Each half term the children will be given the full list of spellings, these will be tested on a Monday giving you the whole week and weekend to practise. The first test will be on **Monday 14th September.**

Reading: Each child has received a reading diary, which they can take home to complete with yourselves. We will try our best to hear every child read during the week, however, we will no longer have the support of parent volunteers to hear readers and so may not listen to their reading as often as we have previously. Please can you help us support your child by reading with them at home as regularly as possible.

Homework: The children will bring home a grid of activities from which they can choose something to complete - whilst we love to receive homework this is not compulsory.

Snacks: Please remember the children no longer receive a free snack and we would encourage you to send you child in with a healthy snack or money to buy something from the tuck shop.

English

This term we will be writing historical stories, recounts and trying our hands at some journalistic writing - all inspired by the pre history period. We have chosen some fantastic texts to inspire our writing! We will, of course, retain a strong focus upon reading, which will be supported by our reading passports and reading karate scheme. We are also introducing the children to reading VIPERS this term, information about this has already been shared with you. 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'.

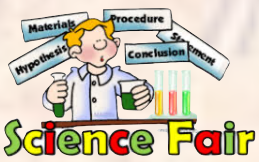


Maths

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 and the children will be able to build on these skills at home using Reflex maths too.

Science

This term we will be focusing on the topic of States of Matter. We will be looking closely at what it means to work scientifically and will then be sharing our learning with you at our science fair near to the end of term.



Music

We will explore different areas of music this term, supported by the wonderful Mrs England. We will be singing in French as well as building on skills we have been practising.

Humanities

This term's topic has a strong history focus, however, we will be looking at some aspects of local geography within this project. We will be finding out about what is meant by pre-history; learning about the whole period from the Old Stone Age right through to the Iron Age. We will be thinking about how they survived, from what they ate to what they wore. The tools they used and how they made them. This is a new project for LKS2 and we are really looking forward to getting started!

RE

This term we will be learning about Cornwall as a place of spiritual enquiry. Later in the term we will be learning about sacred places and will be visiting a local church.

DT & Art

In art this term we will be working on our 3D skills using Papier-mâché with the fabulous Miss Williams. Our topic for DT is Mechanical systems. We will be looking at how levers and linkages work before making our own products.

Computing

Throughout the term we will be thinking about online safety. First we will be working on our keyboard skills before moving on to look at video scripting, editing and producing as we investigate dinosaurs .

PE

P.E. this term will look slightly different to normal as we would normally be swimming. We are still waiting for guidance as to when this can take place and will keep you informed on this. P.E. lessons with Mr T. Will be on a Wednesday afternoon and will cover a variety of traditional and alternative invasion games such as rugby, netball, urban polo and ultimate frisbee!Our other lesson will be on a Monday or Tuesday afternoon so please ensure that kit is in all week! All lessons will be outside this term so as the weather changes, we would recommend that the children bring a warm jumper or waterproof jacket to stay warm.

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 possible 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.