Spring News

JANUARY 2018

TRENCROM, LANYON AND KERRIS

Trencrom Class Team

Mrs Dennison
Mrs Gwennap
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Lanyon Class

Mrs Clemens Mrs Gwennap Mrs Richards

Kerris Class

Mrs Knowles Mrs May, Mrs Mackenzie & Mrs Stevens

Uniform

We are very pleased to see all your children looking so smart in their full 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.

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.

Are we protectors or polluters?

Our Spring Term project will be centred around our essential question 'Are we protectors or polluters?' We will be looking at our local area and the impact of pollution upon our coast and the sea life around our shores. Our RE learning is all about

Beliefs in action and this has inspired us to work towards supporting a local organisation linked to our project. We will then be holding a beach cleaning event at the end of the term on Monday

26th March.

Parent Meetings We look forward to seeing you all at the parent consultation evenings during March and are an excellent opportunity for you to find out how your child is progressing. In the meantime, if you need to see us, please do not hesitate to make an appointment. Things are always busy first thing in the morning, so we would have more time to talk to you after school.

Save

Our

Seas...

English

We will begin the term by launching our writing genre with a week inspired by the film Castaway. As part of this we will be writing letters, inspired by our experiences, before moving on to writing adventure stories to end the half term. After half term we will writing water inspired shape poems before producing information texts ready for our final exhibition.

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.

Maths

In maths the children will be learning how to use a range of calculation strategies. They will learn about measures, shapes, money and fractions and 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 looking at Rocks and linking this to our learning about the coastline around us. We will then move on to States of Matter, thinking about the water cycle in particular.

Humanities

This term's topic has a strong Geography focus. We are going to be looking in great depth at the human & physical characteristics of coastal regions; specifically focusing on pollution and protection. We will also be developing our fieldwork skills in the local area, again linked to our project.

RE

Our learning in the first half of the term is beliefs in action. This links closely to our project and will be re-visited throughout the term. We will also be learning about important events in the Christian calendar, looking more closely at the Easter story.

DT & Art

Our art lessons will be learning how to use collage to create a water inspired piece of artwork; looking at some work created by local artists from their beach finds. In DT we will be thinking about all things mechanical, creating a beach buggy using some of our beach finds.

Computing

As well as continuing to focus on online safety, we will be blogging as part of our project and learning about coding later in the term.

PE

This term we will be working on our skills in invasion games as well as learning some new dance skills. We will be making the most of any opportunities to get outside and be active so please make sure your child has their PE kit in school everyday.

Music

We will continue to explore different areas of music supported by the wonderful Mrs England as well as regular singing practise each week with our visiting expert.

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.