Spring Germ News

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TRENCROM, LANYON and KERRIS CLASSES

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The Spring Term will see the children travelling to the other side of the world as they learn all about the human and physical Geography of India. Inspired by 'Jungle Book' by Rudyard Kipling, the children prepare themselves to act as tour guides at and end of term exhibition where parents and other visitors will be able to take a virtual tour of this interesting country and try some of the delights it has to offer.

Uniform A

- 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.
- 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.

Breaking News...

Lanyon Class sharing assembly will now take place on 22nd March 2019!

Resources request: If you happen to have an empty shoe box, or similar size, could you please bring into school to help with our learning about animal habitats?

English

We will begin the term by writing and performing poetry. We will then move to persuasive writing as the children prepare themselves for acting as travel agents later in the term. After half term we will be writing stories inspired by the short stories in Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book.before moving on to writing non-chronological reports linking closely to our humanities learning. 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 we will be looking at deepening understanding through the use of physical maths resources, pictures and models as well as written methods. 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 living things and their habitats before moving on to sound in the second half of the term. Both of these topics will link closely to our learning about India as we look at local wildlife and traditional instruments and music.

Music

We will explore different areas of music this term, supported by the wonderful Mrs England.

Humanities

This term's topic has a strong
Geography focus. We will be
looking at physical and human
geography as well as comparing
and contrasting different regions looking at mountains coasts, jungles and
cities.

RE

This term we will be learning about Hinduism. We will focus on Hindu gods, places of worship and Indian celebrations.



DT & Art

In Art this term, children will be developing their painting skills as well as developing 3D skills using ceramics. We will be inspired by Hindu Gods as we paint portraits for our final exhibition. In DT we will be focusing on food. We shall be taste testing and undertaking market research before hosting street food stalls at our India Tourism event a the end of term.

Computing

As well as continuing to focus on online safety, this term we will be using technology to create news reports and videos for our exhibition.

PE

In PE will be learning about dance, inspired by Bollywood and traditional Indian dance moves. After half term Kerris Class will be developing their gym skills with Penzance Gym Club; followed by Lanyon and Trencrom in the Summer Term Please ensure your child has the correct, full PE kit in school all week. Your child's class may also be learning outdoors during the week, so they may need old clothing (including wellies) to be in school.

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.