



Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Helford Class



Super Seasides!

Through this topic the children will learn to appreciate the features of our seaside environment that make Cornwall such a special place to live. They will look at local industry and tourism and the things that make our local area unique.

In DT they will design and make beach shelters for those rare days when the weather is not ideal! Science will look at rockpool creatures and the differences between having a skeleton or not. Rocks will be analysed to see the impact of erosion and the children will discover the importance of the different types of rocks. They will also look at magnetism in relation to tides and extend this into artwork making seaside fridge magnets. The children will use their geography skills to do local fieldwork but also to look at locations of other famous seaside resorts. The study will end with a local history study of our seaside past and present.

For maths we follow the 2014 National Curriculum - details can be found on our website.

In RE we follow the Cornwall Agreed Syllabus.



Homework: Children are expected to read every evening, either independently or with an adult. All reading needs to be recorded in the reading record. Also, please ensure children are practising their times tables regularly.

Children will also receive their weekly spellings on a Tuesday, these will be sent home in their purple spelling books. Children are expected to practise these spellings at least three times in their spelling books, which will be checked. Children will then need their spelling books back in school on a Monday for the spelling test.

If you would like to explore our topic of Super Seasides at home, there will be an enrichment activity grid which provides activity ideas to support your child's learning. The tasks will be optional. However if you choose to complete any, they are a great opportunity to enrich learning and we'd love to celebrate them in class.

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a lovely first week back getting to know each other and all that is involved in being Year 3s! We are lucky enough to have Mrs Micklem helping us with our learning in class this year.

As you can see, our topic for this term, up until Christmas, is the Seaside. We are looking forward to investigating this throughout the term, using research and exploring our local seaside first hand! Alongside our learning, we are also continuing to build our learning power, beginning with 'Perseverance'. We will be making lots of effort to include this skill in not only our learning, but also during free time. If you think that your child has shown great perseverance with activities at home, please do not hesitate to write a comment in their reading records so this can be shared in school.

Children will require their PE kits on various days throughout the week, so it is essential that your child has their full PE kit (trainers, PE shirt and shorts) in school **every day** - as we aim to do daily physical activity.

Just a reminder for you, as your child is now in Year 3 they will need to please bring their own healthy snack in to school for break time.

If you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and talk to me.

Kind regards,

Jude Puxley

(Helford Class Teacher)

