



Teacher: Mrs Murgatroyd/ Mrs Walsh

Class: Fistral

Year group: 3 & 4

Mermaids and Miners

English

In English we will be learning to tell a version of the poem The Mermaid of Zennor.

The children will be focusing on exploring rich vocabulary and how poets create imaginary worlds through language and techniques.

We will also have a 'Grammar Week' to focus on the Year 3/4 objectives and then we will finish the term looking at instructions.

We will start the Read, Write, Inc. Spelling programme in school and keep encouraging joined handwriting. Please continue to support your child with their spellings at home.

Guided Reading

Guided reading will focus on making predictions and inferences about character's thoughts and feelings and using evidence to support ideas. The children will also prepare a poem to perform to the class so look out for these as we will send them home to practise.

Please continue to read with your child at home—it is so important that they practise their skills to become more fluent. Reading Eggs is for the children to use at home too and they can practise reading and spelling skills on this.

History & Geography

Initially, we will find Zennor on the map and look at the map of Cornwall. Then we will learn about the History of mining and the impact this has had on Cornwall.

Key skills and questions this term:

- To understand the history of mining
- What was the daily life of a miner like and how has changed compared to modern life?
- To recognise the impact of mining on Cornwall.
- Develop understanding of local heritage

Geography:

- To know where Zennor, Geevor and St Erth are on a local map
- Understand land use patterns eg Why is there a mine in Geevor?
- To know key locations and places on the map of the UK

Maths

With Mrs Murgatroyd, the children will be focusing on subtraction. They will refine mental methods and have a sound understanding of column method to solve problems.

With Mrs Walsh, the children will be revisiting how to tell the time and solve problems about time. Following this, the children will be learning about fractions of shapes.

Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables is to be used at home to support your child's learning—the tables in particular is vital in Year 3 and 4 as they need to know them all by the end of Year 4.

Science

The Science focus for this term is 'Living things and their habitats.' The children will explore classification keys and make their own. They will then learn about how environments and habitats change and the effect of this on living things.

Art & Design Technology

In art, the children will explore how to blend and create effects using oil pastels. We will use different techniques and designs to ultimately create a sea picture.

In DT, the children will design and make their own Cornish pasties.

Music

The class will be learning to sing sea shanties and play these tunes on tuned percussion.

Key skills:

- To use the musical staff.
- To begin to recognise musical notations and read music.
- To begin to record notation for own composition.

PSHE/ RE

The children will be thinking about their responsibilities and developing respect for one another. They will also consider 'challenging questions.'

ICT

We will be learning how to use Powerpoint and include images, sounds and transitions.