

# Welcome back and a Happy New Year!



Just a brief letter to keep you up-to-date with what we will be up to this half term. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and got to spend some quality time with family and friends. It was lovely to be able to watch all of KS1's hard work come together in their Nativity performance; a big thank you for your support providing the fabulous costumes, they looked gorgeous! Whilst I am disappointed that I missed all of the Christmas fun and magic, I am very pleased to be back and am really looking forward to our new topic!

This half term there will be a slight change to the adults in Longships; on a Monday the class will be taught by the lovely Miss Steele, followed by myself, Mrs Pilkington, Tuesday – Friday, and will continue to be supported throughout the week by the amazing Mrs Fanelli.

Our topic this half term is "Posting and Places!" Here's an idea of what we will be getting up to!

## Literacy

Longships will continue to have daily phonic sessions at the start of every day, followed by literacy.

On Mondays, Miss Steele will be doing some focused sentence level work with us in our Busy Books.

Linked to our "posting and places" topic we will also be looking at letters and postcards and learning about conjunctions. This will enable us to continue to consolidate and develop our sentence structure, learn about different punctuation and apply our phonic skills.

## Numeracy

Each morning Longships will complete a settling activity focusing on mathematical skills and number bonds.

In numeracy we will begin by looking at place value within 20, before moving on to addition and subtraction within 20. On a Monday, with Miss Steele, Longships will be continuing their work on shape, space and measure.

## Art

Throughout our topic we will be looking at the work of Inuit artists, such as Kenojuak Ashevak and have a go at creating our own designs. We will also be looking at art from other parts of the world.

## Geography

This half term's focus will be a geography one. We will be using globes, the world map and atlases to look at where our post has come from. We will also be comparing different places to our own locality and begin to build up a comparison between St. Just and the Arctic.

## RE

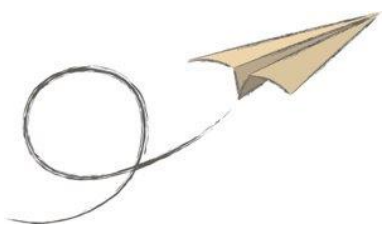
In RE we will be exploring the question "What do Christians believe God is like?"

## PSHE

In PSHE we will be looking at communication and staying safe in different weather.

## Music

In Music we will be following our whole school music curriculum, Charanga, where we will be getting "In the Groove".



## Other information

- Remember to ensure that your child comes in to school wearing their PE kit on a **Monday**. As we are having to keep the classroom windows open to improve ventilation, I would also recommend wearing extra layers on non-PE days, i.e. vests, as it can get a little chilly in class!
- Reading books will continue to be changed on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Don't forget that you can also record any books read at home, or from Bug Club, in your child's reading record. If you are a member of the library, you can also download an app called "Borrow box" which enables you to "borrow" ebooks, as well as audio books for free.
- If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team. Contact can be made via our class email address, [longships@st-just.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:longships@st-just.cornwall.sch.uk), Seesaw or by contacting the school office.

**Thank you for your continued support**

*Mrs. Pilkington, Miss. Steele and Mrs Fanelli*

