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Headteachers News

Super Term!

We have had an amazingly busy Autumn term developing and improving the school. Changes that have taken place have included;

- Focus on writing attainment and progress- staff had an INSET to develop subject knowledge in writing
- Introduction of cursive script writing (joining up)
- Change to AET/ NCEMT maths curriculum plans
- Change to new Cornerstones curriculum
- Introduction of Class Dojo

Next terms focus areas

Reading– your child will be bringing home a reading record book along with a chosen book to read. Please hear your child read or simply share a book. Get your child to record what they have read, pages they have read and how well they think they have read.

Mathematics– Children will be practicing their times tables and developing fluency of mathematics in school. You can help by testing your children at home– there are many apps that can help with this.

Resilience and Collaboration– we are having a focus on children working collaboratively, sharing ideas and working in pairs. We also want to help the children build resilience. This includes being able to develop a 'can do' attitude towards work.

Forest school– Forest school will continue into the summer term. We would like to the children to develop team skills, participation and perseverance during these sessions. Forest school and being outside is proven to help with well being and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Spring term will include Class 3 and Class 4.

Friends of School Association

Just a gentle reminder that all members of the school community are members of the Friends of School association. It is this organisation that enables children to have to extras that are needed in our schools today. Last year they have helped pay for class ipads, outdoor play equipment for EYFS and many more things and extras.

Please show your support by coming along to a meeting; if you cannot make it, let us know and we can arrange for the meetings to be held at an alternative time. Please show your support.



Class DOJO

This is an online tool that teachers and parents can use to discuss achievements and successes. It also enables teachers to share children's work with parents at home.

It is a great tool to develop communication between teachers and parents as well as parents with teachers. Work can also be set using the DoJo's for the children to complete. If you require any further help or information please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teachers.



We still need a new parent governor,; if you feel you can help please contact myself head@st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk or the chair of governors, Mr Andrew Brumby anbrumby@hotmail.com