

Contact details:

The Mitchell class team are:

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If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member of staff at the start or end of the day or contact us via email:

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Equipment Needed

Children are required to wear full PE kit to school for their PE session on Friday (school uniform will not be needed on this day). On Wednesdays for the first half-term, children need to bring a swimming kit to school for our weekly swimming sessions at St Ives Leisure Centre. A swimming kit consists of a black swimming costume/trunk and a towel. After half-term, children are going to Penzance Gym Club on Mondays. There will then be no PE on Friday.

A PE kit consists of trainers, black shorts or jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt. Most of our sessions are outside. Therefore, please provide a warm woolly hat and a waterproof coat for the cold, wet and windy weather. Your child may also need a hat and sun cream if it is hot.

Reading records, reading books and homework planners need to be in school every day please. Children also need a reusable water bottle in school every day.

The measure of
intelligence is the ability
to change.

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Mitchell Curriculum Information Autumn Term 2024



This term's learning...The Best of what has been Thought, Drawn and Said.

Key Question: What is freedom?

Our topic for this term is *The Best of what has been Thought, Drawn and Said*, an art and history-based topic with a focus on inspirational people who have changed the world. Our topic launch is a Graffiti Art Day where the children design some famous quote inspired street art for our classroom.

Literacy - We are covering a range of genres linked to our topic including: biographies about individuals from the Suffragette movement both in the UK and America; discursive texts through history such as Winston Churchill; speech writing based on 'I Have A Dream'; letters from Brutus to Julius Caesar apologising for his assassination. We are also focusing on Sonnets by William Shakespeare, developing our understanding of Shakespearean language and working towards writing Sonnets of our own.

Maths - We are studying place value and the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. All of our maths lessons will contain fluency, problem solving and reasoning.

Games Afternoon/PE - This term we are studying netball, working on ball handling as well as improving our skills within each game on Friday. Pupils are also participating in weekly swimming sessions at St Ives Leisure Centre for the first half-term. In the second half-term children will be participating in weekly gym sessions at Penzance Gym Club.

History - We are developing our chronological skills and covering significant turning points in both global and British history: the 1960s Space Race, the Civil Rights Movement, Suffragette movement, the Gay Rights movement and global conservation.

Science - We are learning about the human anatomy and the classification of animals. We are also investigating the work of various conservationists and discussing the evidence and impact of climate change.

Music - We are developing our chord knowledge to play a wider range of ensemble songs on the Ukulele. We are also singing various contemporary, traditional and protest songs as part of our class singing sessions and assemblies.

Art and Design - We are studying how art can become a powerful tool for empowerment and protest. We are creating our own drawings, paintings and graffiti to be exhibited inside and outside of the classroom.

Computing - We are learning how to stay safe online as well as improving our coding skills.

RE - We are discussing how Christians can live responsibly in the world today and focusing on Sikh festivals and celebrations. We are visiting Plymouth with a focus on understanding the three Abrahamic faiths (Judaism, Christianity and Islam).

PSHE - We are also introducing our **Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE)** this term. We are discussing what a caring friendship looks like, how relationships should be respectful and how to stay safe online.

Home Learning

Children are expected to read for twenty minutes at home every evening after school. The children should record this in their homework diary.

Homework will be given out weekly - this will be electronically via Seesaw. Homework is due in the following week, as dated, and the children are expected to write this in their homework diary.

Pupils in Mitchell Class are completing a spelling investigation every week. They will be given a list of spellings which follow a rule and will be tested every Monday, along with two 'mystery spellings' which follow the same rule. This supports children's understanding of the spelling rule.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 24th September - Adventure Day
Friday 27th September - Surf Safe Day
Monday 30th September - Parents Meet and Greet
Monday 30th September - London and Oxford parent meeting
Tuesday 8th October - Topic Art Day
Thursday 3rd October - Marazion Book Day
Friday 25th October - Inset Day
Tuesday 26th November - Plymouth Faith Visit
Friday 29th November - Christmas Fair
Wednesday 11th December - KS2 Festival of Carols (Topic Outcome for Year 6)
Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch

If you don't like something,
change it. If you can't change
it, change your attitude.

Maya Angelou
Poet and Author

