

Contact details

The Mitchell class team are:

Mr Groom - Class Teacher

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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 and games sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays (School uniform will not be needed on these days).

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 diaries need to be in school every day please. Children also need a reusable water bottle in school every day.

Thank you ☺



Mitchell Class Curriculum Information Spring Term 2025



This term's learning...Islands Around the World

Key Statement: No Man Is An Island.

Our topic for this term is *Islands*, a geography and science-based topic with a focus on inspirational people who have changed the world. In particular, the children will be learning about different cultures from around the globe; the effect of climate change and the impact of naturally occurring phenomena such as volcanoes, earthquakes and the Aurelias Borealis. Our topic launch is a geology day where the children are identifying different types of rocks thinking about what the Mount and our home in Marazion is built upon.

Literacy - we are covering genres linked to our topic including: poems based on island life (No Man Is An Island and A True Account Of Talking To The Sun At Fire Island); fictional Maori myths about how the legends of Maui and Moana created New Zealand's islands; letter writing linked to King Charles I's letter to the Cornish during the English Civil War.

Maths - In maths sessions we are studying fractions, percentages, ratio and proportion. All of our maths lessons contain fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We also frequently re-visit addition, subtraction, multiplication and division during arithmetic sessions.

Games Afternoon/PE - This term we are studying netball, racquet skills and dance. We are working on ball handling as well as improving our skills within each game. Our dance sessions focus on traditional Maori dance, the Hakka and the children creating their own dance in the traditional style.

Geography - we are learning about the formation of geological features such as islands, volcanoes and earthquakes using a variety of case studies from around the globe. We are also looking at the effects of climate change on our planet and what we can do to reduce our carbon footprints.

History - we are learning about the chronology of St Michael's Mount and a range of inspirational people from a variety of nations around the world including: Sir Isaac Kingdom Brunel, Wangarī Maathai, Sir Edmund Hilary, Jacinda Arden, Myrtle Simpson and Kate Sheppard.

Science - lessons this term are about the evidence of climate change and human evolution. In addition, we are labelling the human anatomy and classifying animals.

Music - We are continuing to deepen our understanding of playing the ukulele and writing our own songs.

Art and Design - We are creating Maori face masks, Aboriginal finger painting and learning the history and traditions of the native New Zealand culture.

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

RE - We are learning about various festivals from a range of religions which occur during the winter months such as Bodhi and Kwanzaa. We are also learning about different cathedrals around the world and their role in bringing communities together.

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 on Mondays - this will be available electronically via Seesaw. Homework is due in the following week and children can be given a paper copy of this if they require.

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 on these every Monday, along with two 'mystery spellings' which follow the same rule. This supports children's understanding of the spelling rule. Spellings will also be accessible on Seesaw each week.

“Be the change
you wish to see in
the world.”

MAHATMA GANDHI

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 28th January - Topic Launch Day
Friday 7th February - Moments of blue Super Learning Day
Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 25th - Friday 28th February - London Residential Visit.
Thursday 6th March - Marazion Book Day
Tuesday 11th March - Parents' Meetings
Tuesday 28th April - Topic Outcome

There is nothing
permanent except change.

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