



Autumn term 2011

St Ives Junior School

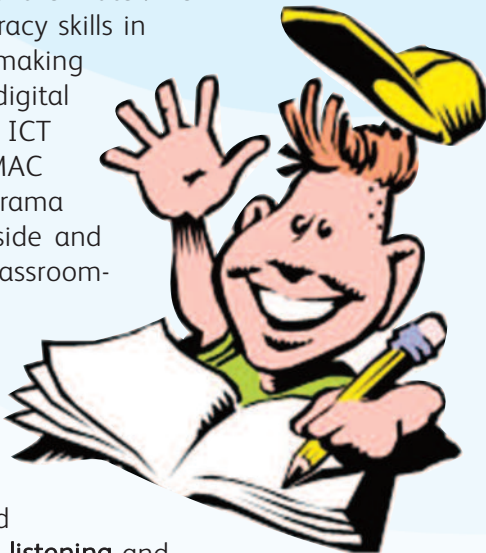
Y5 newsletter

WELCOME TO YEAR 5!

We hope the children have had a great summer holiday and are now refreshed and invigorated ready for a very busy term of learning! We are on duty ready to receive our pupils from 8.35am each day to enable them to get settled before learning starts promptly at 8.50am. Please pass any quick messages to us or catch us at the end of the day. If there is anything of worry or concern, please do not hesitate to make an appointment either with ourselves or through Mrs Prescott in reception. Thankyou. Mrs Lucas- Class 5, Mr Hogg- Class 6, and Ms Hamilton- Class 7.
* 14th September at 2.30pm- Meet the Teachers. We look forward to seeing you.

LITERACY

During the autumn term the children will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction genres, beginning with the Cornish themed story 'Jack the Pirate'. We will be using our literacy skills in exciting ways, making use of the digital recorders, ICT (including the IMAC computers), drama and role-play inside and outside the classroom- including visiting the local beaches! Within the Literacy framework there is rightly an emphasis placed on speaking and listening and we will be using and developing these skills to help our creativity and accuracy in writing and reading. We believe that writing for a purpose has a positive impact on standards and that by writing for purposes linked to the IPC units, the children will have the opportunity to apply their writing skills across more than one genre, in a variety of ways and across a range of different subjects. Guided Reading / Writing will continue to be taught each



morning from 8.55-9.10am in small target groups. Each day 15 minutes will be dedicated to the teaching of spelling through our Get Spelling! scheme.

MATHS

During the Autumn term the children will be grappling with the six areas of learning that the maths framework follows (Knowing and using number facts, calculating, understanding shape, measuring and handling data). Throughout the year the six strands are built upon so that the children finish the year having applied and consolidated each area of learning. Every Monday, the children's learning will be addressing their numeracy targets as part of our 'number day'. The targets concentrate on areas prioritised as needing focused development; having been identified by analysis of the optional SATS tests taken last May. Similarly, every Friday will focus on the application of skills into everyday situations, making maths as real as possible- 'Math's Alive!!' day. The recall of both multiplication and division facts is vital and it is imperative that we encourage the children to become rapid in their recall at home and in school. To support learning further- children will have access to the learning platforms 'My Maths' and 'Multi-step maths', the learning that will be set is directly linked to consolidate learning from the classroom.

IPC

Our IPC unit for the autumn term is called **“Going Global”**. This learning will encompass history, geography, literacy, ICT, music and Art allowing children to develop and apply skills across the curriculum.

Our community links, enable us to make learning increasingly ‘real’, by linking our IPC studies to the people we are writing to and learning alongside. The children will continue to share learning and ideas with pupils in a link school in Scotland, organised by Mr Ramsay, and another school in a different country- whilst learning about the lifestyles, culture, geography and history of the people in these areas. Throughout this topic we will be making comparisons between the trading patterns of our linked towns and nations, learning more about how and why these patterns have changed.

Our international angle will focus on the advantages and disadvantages of globalisation. Pupils will learn about concepts such as trading, supply and demand as well as imports and exports.

ICT

In ICT this term as well as continuing to develop a wide range of skills when using a computer, children will also be learning about ‘Communication’ through ‘PowerPoint’ and email. We will also continue to explore F.R.O.G., our own school virtual learning environment (VLE). This is a [vital resource](#) to enable home access to daily class learning and the weekly set home learning.

SCIENCE

The first part of this term in Science we will be focusing on keeping healthy, by exploring the benefits of a healthy diet and exercise. Our other unit of learning for this term is called Investigation skills, e.g. making predictions, making observations and drawing conclusions. These skills will be taught throughout these units to enhance our gains in scientific knowledge and understanding.

DT

Linking closely with Science for ‘Keeping healthy’, we will be researching healthy foods, designing and then making a healthy wrap meal. Areas of health and safety will also be revisited including the safe and

appropriate use of tools in the kitchen e.g. correctly using knives to chop and washing hands regularly etc.

ART

As in all our learning we try to link all subjects with our IPC units and as we are studying **“Going Global”** this term we will be taking on the role of T-shirt designers, designing our own logos to print onto t-shirts. We do supply students with a disposable apron, but if you wish you could also send in an old shirt for example to provide extra protection.

RE

The area of learning this term is focused on the religions Sikhism and Christianity and how their followers practise their faith. In the second half of the term we welcome back Daya, a practising Sikh, who will help us understand and learn about the significance of the Gurus in the Sikh faith and how their teachings impact daily on the lives of their followers. After half term we will be studying festivals of both faiths.

PE

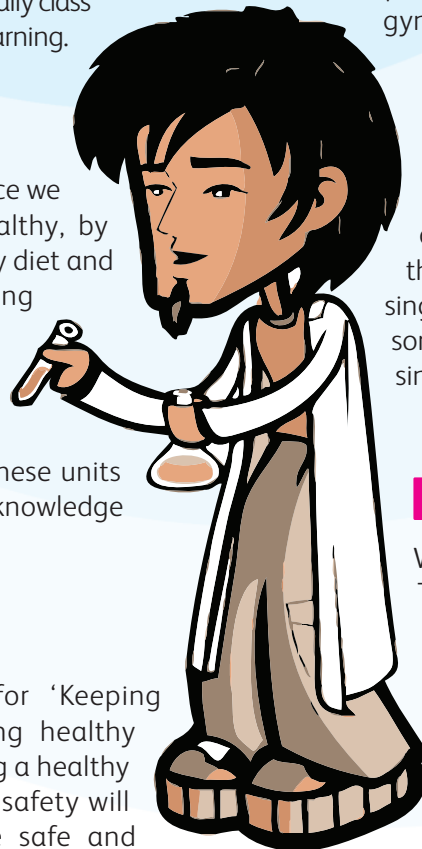
Initially we will be linking our learning with the Rugby World Cup by taking part in tag rugby, learning tactics, and new skills as well as developing team work. We will also be focussing on the art of ‘Cornish dancing’ linking with our IPC Cornish themed learning. After half term we will swim weekly on a Wednesday afternoon. We will improve balance, flexibility and strength through gymnastics this term.

MUSIC

Linking with our Cornish theme we will be developing our knowledge of the Cornish language through song and music from the local area. Our singing skills will be further developed as we learn our songs for the Christmas production and through daily singing in Wake and Shake.

PRIMARY LANGUAGES

We will follow the Sense of Place unit ‘Lost Your Tongue’ to explore the Cornish language to widen our knowledge of local place names and dialects. We will also sing a variety of Cornish and French songs throughout the term.



PSHE

We will be completing three units of the Social Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL). At first we will be focusing on 'New Beginnings'; exploring feelings and reactions we have to a new beginning. Linking with Science we will cover the effects of smoking on a person's health. 'Getting on and Falling Out' finding out about why we get on and how not to fall out and then finally how to 'Say No to Bullying', will be our learning after half term.

HOMEWORK

The Government recommendation is 30 minutes of home learning a night for Year 5 children.

It is expected that children will read independently daily and aloud to an adult at least twice a week. This is to be recorded in the homework diaries which will be checked by class teachers regularly throughout the week.

Any home learning will be given out on a Monday and stuck into A4 homework books. Home learning will also be posted weekly onto FROG enabling home access where internet is available. It should be given in on the following Friday.

As in Year 4 the maths home learning will be differentiated where appropriate, so if the children find the work either too easy or too difficult, PLEASE DO NOT WORRY. Just let us know, and another task will be sent home.

FINALLY

The aim is, as always, to work with each child to help them move on to the next stage of their learning, whatever that might be. We constantly look towards providing opportunities to enrich, extend and support all children. We seek to make learning experiences as fun and memorable as possible, and encourage children to take part in brain gym activities daily in order to boost energy levels.

Mrs S Lucas- Class 5, Mr R Hogg- Class 6 and Ms J Hamilton- Class 7

Important dates:

- MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 9 TO 12.30PM - STORY TELLING PIRATE BEACH WALK
- WEDNESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER AT 2.30PM - MEET THE TEACHERS
- WEEK BEGINNING 19TH SEPTEMBER IPC LAUNCH DAY FOR GOING GLOBAL- 9 TO 12.30PM- TRIP TO TESCO
- FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER- SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS FOR STAFF TRAINING
- WEEK BEGINNING 3RD OCTOBER- PROPOSED LEARNING VISIT TO TREVASKIS FARM 8.50- 3.15PM
- FRIDAY 22ND OCTOBER - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
- WEEK BEGINNING 7TH NOVEMBER- PROPOSED LEARNING DAY TO WHEAL MARTYN 8.30-3.15PM

