



Bude Primary Academy

Head of School – Mr James Pritchard

Monday 18th December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We had a very busy autumn 2 in Poppy class, with lots of shared experiences within mainstream. Some of our children have been out of school on local trips with their link classes, exploring new environments and meeting new people! All of us have joined with whole school events such as the carol concert, singing assemblies and house team events. We will continue to explore many of the mainstream opportunities that are appropriate for the children in Poppy class, as it is a great opportunity to expand our social skills and share new experiences within our safe school community.

Spring 1 curriculum overview

Maths	Writing	Reading	Project: Frozen Kingdom	PE
Money Multiplication and division Addition and subtraction to 20 Place value to 50 Length, height and time	Lower case and upper case letter formation Labels and captions Sentence composition	<i>One Snowy Night</i> Nick Butterworth <i>Time to move South for Winter</i> Clare Helen <i>Snowball Poem</i> Shell Silverstein	Living things and their habitats Explore the seasonal changes. Use world maps/atlas/ google maps Draw information from a simple map.	Gross motor skills Ball skills – catching and throwing with accuracy Group games

Sensory play

Our allocated sensory play afternoon will be **Thursday** (this may be changing – so keep your eyes peeled for further information). We incorporate sensory experiences into our daily child-led learning, so it is best that your child is sent into school every day with a spare set of clothes. Please note that while we do encourage the children to wear aprons, this can sometimes be challenging and can be impactful on their learning opportunity. We always use washable materials so that hopefully any soilage to clothes can be easily removed in the washing machine!

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Tapestry

Recently, you have been sent some information about Tapestry, an online learning journal platform. Please return the consent forms as soon as possible, if you haven't already. We have just started to use this, so those of you who have returned your forms may have received some observations already! This will become our main format for recording learning and communicating your child's progress with you. Please try to access it as much as possible to share your child's learning and experiences with them at home. Please also upload some 'wow' moments and/or some exciting experiences you have had at home so the children are able to share their news with the rest of the children in Poppy class.

Parent workshop

In the spring term we will be sending you some information regarding a parent workshop session on using Tapestry. We would also like to give you the opportunity to come and see Poppy class in person as we have recently made some changes to the configuration of the space. Please keep an eye out for more communication regarding this event.

Staffing

This term we are welcoming Rachel and Louise to our Poppy class team. We will introduce you to them at the gate at drop off time. A reminder of our current Poppy class team:

Mrs HB (Mon-Fri)
Corrine (Mon-Fri)
Gary (Mon-Fri)
Vicky (Mon-Fri)
Rachel (Mon-Fri)
Louise (Mon-Fri)
Karen (Mon & Tues)
Della (Wed-Fri)
Kate (Wed-Fri)

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Haxton-Bartlett and the Poppy class team