



# King Charles C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are at the start of a new Spring term and new year, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on a very successful Autumn term and thank all the teachers, teaching assistants and school staff for helping and supporting the children in their learning last year.

The Governors would like to share with you the school priorities for the year and give you an overview on progress so far.

### **Literacy**

This academic year we continue to focus on writing skills across the school and staff training last term helped develop pupils' planning, drafting and editing. Basic skills is also an area of focus, including spellings, reading fluency and handwriting. It has been impressive to see so much high quality writing displayed in school and in pupils' books. The Rapid Readers, Read Write Inc and Nessy interventions continue to prove invaluable in improving pupils' reading and spelling skills and also complement the whole school focus on improving pupils' key skills.

Staff continue to teach a fortnightly Let's Think in English lesson, exploring higher-order texts and developing pupils' thinking and reasoning skills.

### **Maths**

In Maths, Year 5 and 6 teachers have been working with Year 7 and 8 teachers from Falmouth school on a Reasoning in Maths project. They have shared good practice and planning and had the chance to watch lessons taught across the different Falmouth schools. There is also a whole school focus on developing key skills in Maths which includes learning number facts, number bonds and times tables.

### **Other curriculum areas**

Each class has been following the Inspire curriculum and enjoyed topics such as 'A Voyage of Discovery' exploring the work of Darwin in Year 6 and The Romans in Year 3. Many year groups use an immersion day to inspire the children and make the topic really come alive by dressing up and taking part in bespoke activities.

As part of our E-safety week, children took part in E-Safety workshops with South West Grid for Learning and learnt about the importance of keeping safe online. They have also enjoyed a wide variety of other curricular activities across the term such as taking part in sporting competitions, swimming lessons, school choir presentations, forest schools lessons and gardening activities, cookery and music.

We are very pleased with the progress made on the School Development Plan and we will keep you updated on future developments. On behalf of the Governors we would like to thank you for all your continued support and wish you all a very Happy New Year.

**Thank you.**

**School Improvement Governors' Committee.**

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**We would welcome any feedback you have for us. Please complete and return to school. Thank you.**

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