



31st January 2025

Dear Families

Happy (Chinese) New Year! This week we entered the year of the snake. Apparently (according to Google) 2025 will be about setting realistic goals, devising plans and working towards our dreams - which ties in beautifully with our Jigsaw (PSHE) topic this half-term which has a focus on Dreams and Goals.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. We have lots of exciting activities planned. We will be kicking things off with a special assembly on Monday and will then have a different themed activity each day.

Both classes are continuing to be very engaged by Coding: Tinkercad 3D drawing in Puffins and Bee-Bot programming in Choughs. Your child may be interested in attending a Tech Jam event over half-term. Check out the penultimate page for more details.

We are relieved to see many of our children seeming generally more well this week - this year seems to have been particularly bad for coughs and colds. Do take a look at the guidance for hand washing on the back page.

New Diary Dates!!

Sports Day - Thursday 19th June

Reserve Sports Day - Thursday 3rd July

Leavers' Assembly - Monday 21st July



Stars of the Week

Choughs: Rafi - for supreme effort and determination in your learning, in particular Maths. Terrific times tables work!

Puffins: Beau - for fantastic creativity using Tinkercad 3D modelling. You followed the initial instructions carefully - then added your own designs.

Attendance (Year To Date)

92%

Choughs = 91%

Puffins = 93%

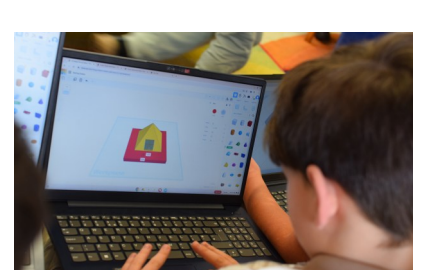
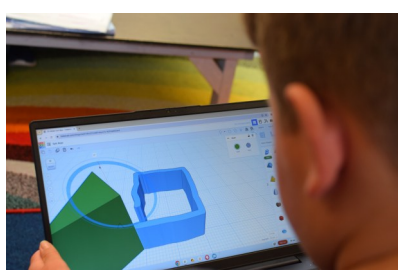
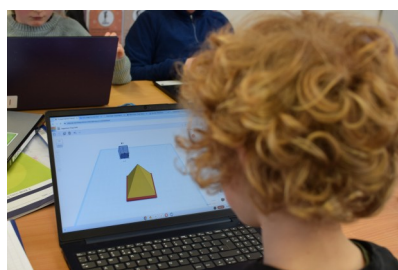
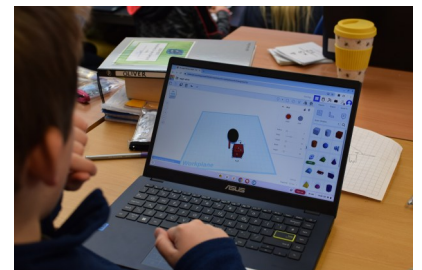
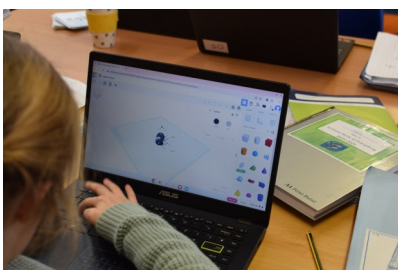
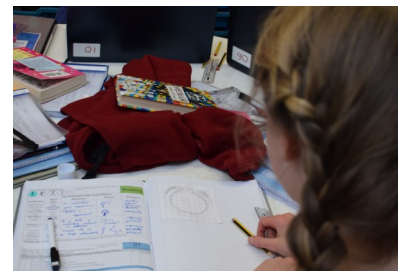
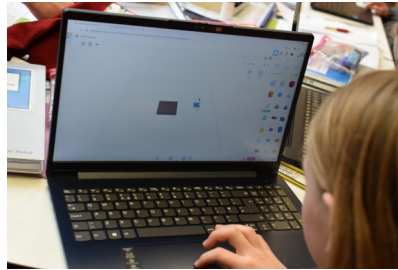
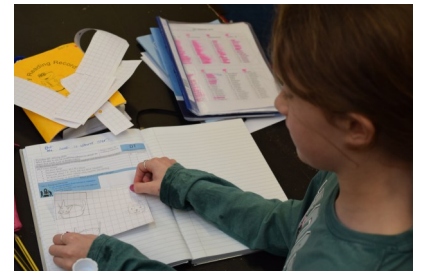
Puffins Take on 3D Design!

The Puffins have been diving into the exciting world of **3D design**, combining creativity with technology!

To begin, pupils **sketched their ideas on paper** and experimented with **scale drawing**, learning how to adjust sizes accurately. Once their designs were mapped out, they moved on to **TinkerCad**, a powerful online tool that allowed them to **bring their ideas to life in 3D**.

After carefully modelling the designs on screen, we are now preparing to **send the files to Penwith College**, where their **state-of-the-art 3D printer** will turn our digital models into real artefacts! A huge thank you to **Penwith College** for supporting our project - everyone is excited to see their creations take shape!

Stay tuned for the final results!



Chinese New Year: Roleplay a trip to China

To celebrate Chinese New Year on 29th January, we roleplayed a trip to China. This involved a lengthy wait at the airport, the usual delays at security and passport control and then a smooth flight to Beijing. It took ten hours!! It was a relief to finally arrive!



Chinese Maths

When we got to Beijing, we roleplayed an airport shop and could use money to buy different Chinese items as souvenirs. We also learned our numbers from 1 to 10 in Chinese and practised writing these.



Chinese Culture. Gong Hey Fat Choi!

We learned about how new year is celebrated in China. For good luck, homes are given a thorough clean so we set about making the classroom look beautiful. Next, we tried some delicious Chinese foods in our feast! We were ace at trying new things. The noodles were very popular! Finally, we learned about dragon and lion dances and went on our own dragon dance around the school! To say goodbye, we munched fortune cookies and received red envelopes with good wishes for the new year.



TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

1 Encourage journaling

Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journaling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.

2 Make space for reflection

When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need. Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.

3 Be visual

Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.

4 Practice mindfulness

Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.

5 Communicate

Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.



If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives – from FAQs to downloadable packs. [Here4You.co.uk](https://www.here4you.co.uk)





Tech Jam on Tour

Explore the world of coding and tech this half term with fun activities for kids aged 7+ at Cornwall's Festival of Tech.

Looking for an exciting, hands-on activity to spark your child's creativity and curiosity this half term? The Cornwall Tech Jam is here to inspire the next generation of tech creators! Designed for children aged 7 and up, this family-friendly event is perfect for beginners and young tech enthusiasts alike.

What is a Tech Jam?

A Tech Jam is a welcoming, interactive session where kids can try out coding, electronics, and technology. Led by friendly volunteers from Cornwall's tech community, each event offers:

- Hands-On Coding Challenges: Kids can learn to write code, solve puzzles, and create their own games.
- Electronics Fun: Experiment with circuits and tech gadgets not always available at home.
- Creative Learning: Build problem-solving skills and confidence through exciting, guided activities

Touring Cornwall – Find a Tech Jam Near You!

As part of the Festival of Tech, the Cornwall Tech Jam is visiting multiple locations across the county.

Camelford - Monday 17th February
Truro - Tuesday 18th February
Charlestown - Wednesday 19th February
Culdrose - Thursday 20th February
Perranporth - Friday 21st February

Tickets from cornwallfestivaloftech.co.uk/whats-on

Best Practice: How to hand wash step by step images

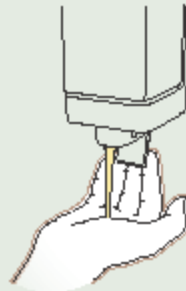
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Wet hands with water.

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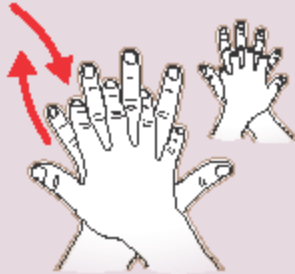
Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.

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Rub hands palm to palm.

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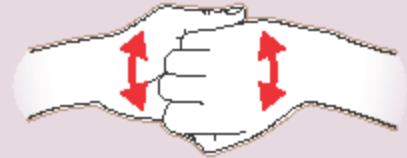
Right palm over the back of the other hand with interlaced fingers and vice versa.

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Palm to palm with fingers interlaced.

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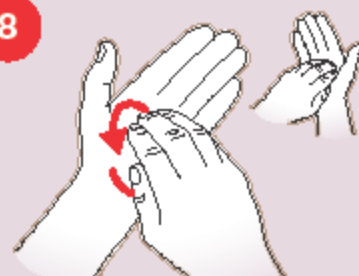
Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked.

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Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa.

8



Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa.

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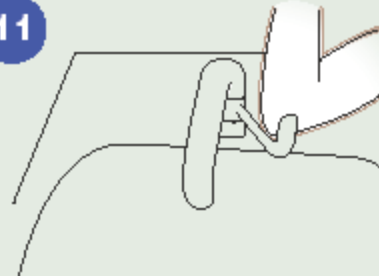
Rinse hands with water.

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Dry thoroughly with towel.

11



Use elbow to turn off tap.

12



Steps 3-8 should take at least 15 seconds.



... and your hands are safe*.