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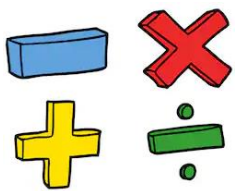
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Thursday 14th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Autumn 1 2023

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely summer holiday despite our slightly disappointing summer this year! I am really looking forward to this half-term and have outlined below the learning that will take place.



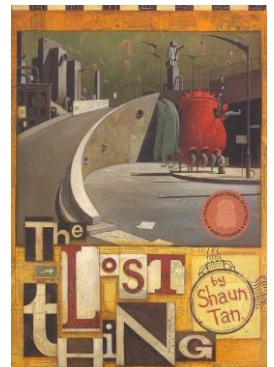
Maths

Year 5 have made a great start to the Autumn Term learning by looking at number and place value. This module involves reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000. Once we complete this learning, we will move onto rounding and working with negative numbers. After this, we learn about addition and subtraction. Your support with helping children continue to practise mental maths questions at home and learn their times tables facts is greatly appreciated.

Literacy

During the first part of the half term, we will be using the book 'The Lost Thing' as a stimulus for our writing. We will use ideas from this book to learn about modal verbs and complex sentences and our written outcome will be a persuasive speech.

Following this, we will look at a brilliant text called the 'Wolves in the Walls'. I am sure the children will enjoy this suspenseful text with a humorous twist!



Please ensure your child is reading, or being read to, every evening as this will benefit all of their literacy skills.



Our class book in reading is 'The Jamie Drake Equation' by Christopher Edge. We spend 15 minutes reading this novel every day and our Monday and Friday guided reading lessons will focus on this class book. During the week, we also have time for free choice reading. Please ensure your child has something to read for free-choice reading (a book, a comic, instructions, etc).

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be using Jigsaw. Our first module is called 'Being Me in My World'. The children have already made a fantastic start to this by setting some goals for the year ahead.



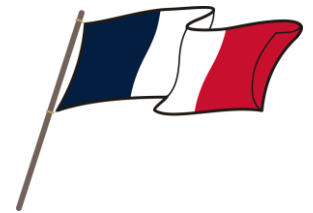
MATERIALS

Science

This half-term we will be investigating the properties and uses of different materials. Children will be testing, grouping and comparing everyday materials, dissolving and separating solutions, and conducting fair tests.

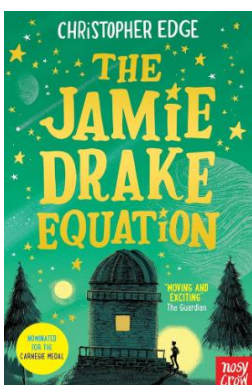
French

We have already begun our French Experience, which is a 6-week, 18 hour-long journey focusing on vowel sounds, likes and dislikes and classroom instructions. We are very fortunate to have Madame Surcouf leading these sessions every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



PE

This half-term, we have PE on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. On Fridays, we will have sessions from Mr Cox (our coach from Jersey Sport) and the following Wednesday will be implementing skills learnt in a game- based session. Our focus for this half term is kicking. Please ensure children have the correct school PE kit, including a PE jacket for lessons outside, and appropriate trainers or plimsolls.



Homework

Year 5 will be given homework starting from Monday 18th September (they already have their spelling sheet). This will be handed out every Monday and should be returned on, or before, the following Monday. If your child loses their homework, it is their responsibility to get another copy (there will be spare copies on our 'Class Info' board in the classroom).

If you have any questions, please email or speak to me at the school gate.

Kind regards,

Mr Sanson

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