

SAMARÈS SCHOOL
School Road, St Clement
Jersey, JE2 6TG

Telephone: 01534 735415
Email: admin@samares.sch.je

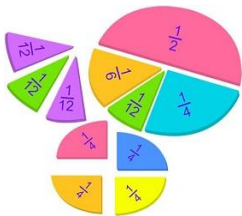
Head Teacher: Mrs Posner
Deputy Head Teacher: Mr Lumley

Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Spring 1 2024

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. We have another busy half-term ahead and below I have outlined the learning that will take place.

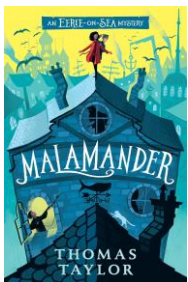


Maths

Year 5 are now learning all about fractions! We will begin by converting improper fractions to mixed numbers before moving on to comparing fractions, equivalent fractions and the addition and subtraction of fractions. Knowledge of times tables are essential to our Year 5 learning and so your support with helping children continue to practise these at home is greatly appreciated.

Literacy

This half term, we will be using the book 'Leaf' as a stimulus for our writing. We will be writing a balanced argument based on the text which will include modal verbs and a range of cohesive devices.



Our class book in reading is 'Malamander' by Thomas Taylor. We spend 15 minutes reading this every day and our Monday and Friday guided reading lessons will focus on this class book.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will focus on our next Jigsaw module called 'Dreams and Goals'. This module looks at culture and how these differ along with accepting and celebrating the differences of others.



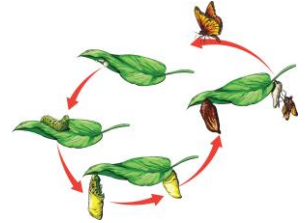


History

Children will learn all about what life was like in Ancient Greece and how their great discoveries influenced our lives today. We will be looking at the origin of the Olympics, Greek Gods, Greek monsters and more!

Science

As scientists, we will be learning how plants and animals reproduce. We will look at both sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and sexual reproduction in animals. Then, we will learn about the life cycles of different animals and describe their similarities and differences.



Art

Our art focus for this half-term is textile art. We will look at several artists including Henri Rousseau and local artist Helena Mundy and use their work and techniques as inspiration for our own work. At the end of our unit, children will record observations, justify their choices and evaluate their art work in their sketch books.

PE

Our PE days for this half-term will be **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. On Wednesdays, we will have a session led by Dragos from Jersey Sport, who teaches synchronised dance. On Fridays we will have our swimming session at Langford. Please ensure children have the correct school PE kit and the correct items for our swimming lessons.



Music

In music, Year 5 will be introduced to the music of John Williams, the esteemed composer of some of the most famous movie soundtracks of all time.

Homework

Year 5 homework will be handed out every Thursday and should be returned on, or before, the following Thursday. If your child loses their homework, it is their responsibility to request another copy.

If you have any questions, please email me or see me after school at the gate.

Kind regards,

Mr Sanson

n.sanson@samares.sch.je