



25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to last term that your children are going to be in Key Stage 1! Here is some of the learning that they will be taking part in, over the next half term.

### English



This half term, we are focusing our writing skills on the text 'The Bear and The Piano' by David Litchfield. The children will be reading and writing about the text. The written outcome at the end of the unit will be a newspaper report using statement sentences and expanded noun phrases.

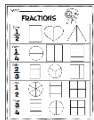
### Reading Challenge



This half term we would like to give our Year 2 Reading Challenge a huge push! There are so many children succeeding with their reading by challenging themselves and whizzing through the planets!

It is important for your child to read or share a book at home each evening. Please remember to write the name of each book your child has read in their yellow reading record. (Or even encourage your child to write the names of the texts that they read and then you sign it when you have read with them.)

### Mathematics



This half term, the children will be focusing their learning on **fractions** and revisiting **multiplication** and **division**. At home, ask your children about their learning and encourage your child to practice the skills they have learnt in class.

### Science



The children will be learning about the uses of **everyday materials**. They will be investigating the properties of materials and recording the results of their findings. They will also continue their ongoing learning about **Plants**.

### PE



PE will take place for both classes on a **Tuesday** with our sports coach, Mr. Cox and on a **Wednesday** with Mrs. Ollivier.

### Computing



**Making Music**—The children learning how pieces of music can have effects on people's emotions. They will learn how to identify patterns in music. They will experiment with sound using a computer and make their own musical patterns.

## History



In history, the children will be learning about the occupation of Jersey, with a focus on what life was like for the people living in the island during that time. They will learn about why we celebrate the liberation of Jersey and why it is so important to remember the past.

## PSHE



In JIGSAW the children will be focusing their learning on relationships. They will be talking about their different family members and begin to understand their relationships with each of them. They will discuss forms of physical contact within families and that some of it is acceptable and some is not. They will learn about things that can cause conflict with their friends and that sometimes it is good to keep a secret and sometimes it is not.

## DT

**Mechanisms**- The children will be learning about different mechanisms. They will learn how to use and make a sliding mechanism. They will use levers and pivots to create a moving mechanism. They will learn how to use and make a wheel mechanism and design a picture with a moving mechanism from what they have learned throughout the topic. They will evaluate their work at the end of the unit.

## Music



**Pulse**- The children will be finding the 'beat' or 'pulse' in pieces of music and songs. They will learn how to follow symbols in pieces of music and recognise the patterns between words and sounds. They will learn about what a rhythm is and match words to the rhythm in songs. They will also learn some musical notation.

For our **art** topic next half term, we are going to need a range of **empty perfume bottles** to examine as we will be creating our own perfume vessels, so please send in any you may have. Thank you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask one of us at drop off or pick up or email.  
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