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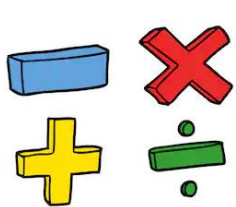
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Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Autumn 1 2024

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and were able to enjoy some of the sunshine. I am really looking forward to this half-term and below I have outlined the learning that will take place.



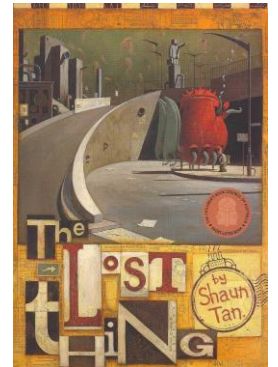
Maths

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.

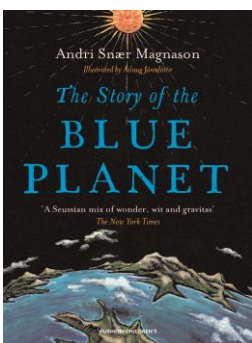
Literacy

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 Story of the Blue Planet' by Andri Snær Magnason. 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).



History

Children will learn all about Jersey's castles this half-term. We will discuss the locations and their importance, why they were built and strategies for attack and defence. In October, we will be visiting Mont Orgueil Castle to experience some of the learning from this topic.

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.

Art

In Art we will be learning about abstract sculpture, studying the work of Henry Moore. We learn how he used natural objects like stones and twigs as inspiration for his work, before creating our own Moore-inspired sculptures and wax-resist paintings.



PE

This half-term, we have PE on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. On Tuesdays, we are very lucky to be joined by Russell from Island Padel who will be teaching the children to play padel tennis. On Fridays, Mrs Boyle will be teaching throwing and catching skills. 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 9th September. This 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 get another copy (there will be spare copies on our 'Class Info' board in the classroom). We will also be doing spelling and times table tests weekly.

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

Kind regards,

Mr Sanson

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