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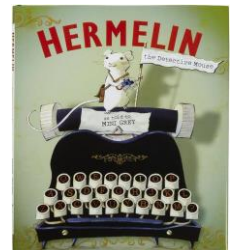
Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Spring 1 2025

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break and is ready for another busy half-term!

### Literacy

Our first learning journey this half-term will be based around the book 'Hermelin: The Detective Mouse' by Mini Grey. We will be writing a letter from the perspective of someone who has lost an important item and needs Hermelin's help finding it. We will learn about the features of a formal letter and how to use the present perfect within our writing.



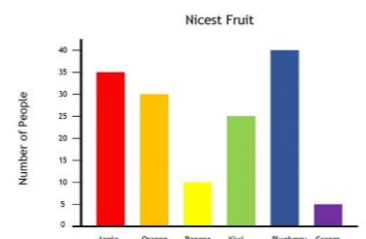
Our class reading book this half-term will be 'Running on the Roof of the World' by Jess Butterworth. This is a fascinating story of friendship and conflict in Tibet.

In our other reading lessons throughout the week, we will read a variety of different text types and focus on VIPERS (vocabulary, inference, prediction, retrieval, explanation and summarise) skills. As there will be opportunity for free choice reading, please ensure your child has their own reading book in school.

### Mathematics

We will start off this half-term with our Graphs unit. In this unit children will be learning to draw and plot their own graphs using data gathered and given. We will then be moving on to learn about fractions. In this chapter pupils will be introduced to hundredths. They will learn about mixed number fractions and improper fractions and how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions.

If you would like to do more to support your children's learning in maths at home, please focus on fluency facts (number bonds to 100) and times tables.



### History

In History, we will be learning about crime and punishment. We will first be learning about what modern crime and punishment is then traveling back in time to compare it to crime and punishment throughout the ages.

## Science

Our science focus this half-term is sound. We will be learning about how sounds are made and how we hear them alongside learning about pitch, and volume.



## Art

In art, we will be exploring collages through paint. We will begin by evaluating the artwork of Giuseppe Arcimboldo before recreating our own versions of his artwork using oil pastels and chalk. By the end of the unit, children will produce their own collage using a variety of materials.

## RE

We will continue learning how Hinduism this half-term. Our focus question is 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?'. In this unit, the children will build on their understanding of Brahman and look at lived reality through examining Puja at home, worship in the mandir, and the festival of Diwali.



## PSHE

Our next jigsaw module this half-term is named 'Dreams and Goals'. In these six sessions, children will think about their own hopes and dreams, the importance of resilience, overcoming disappointment, and achieving their goals.

## Music

Our weekly music sessions with Mrs Le Brun will be continuing this half-term. Alongside this, we have an exciting project led by the Jersey Music Service. On Monday mornings, we will be learning how to play the flute and look forward to sharing our progress next half-term with you.

## Computing

Mrs Creswell will be in Year 4 this half term for computing. The focus is repetition in shapes where the children will use a text-based programming language to explore count-controlled loops when drawing shapes. The children will be using the software program, 'Turtle Academy' and 'J2E' to support this unit.

## PE

PE will continue to be on **Monday and Thursdays** with Mrs Boyle. Please ensure children have the correct school PE kit, including a jumper for lessons outside.

## Homework

Year 4 will begin this half-term on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025. It will continue to be given out every Monday and is due the following Monday.

Kind regards,

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