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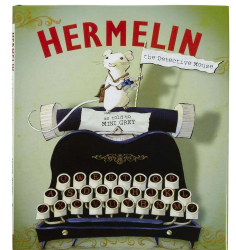
Dear Parents/Carers,

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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.



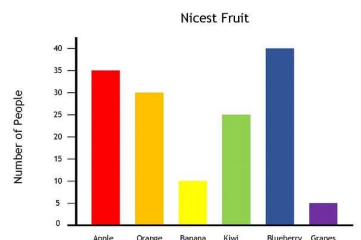
Our class reading book this half-term will be 'Running on the Roof of the World' by Jess Butterworth. This is a fascinating story of friendship and conflict in Tibet.

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 by finishing our further multiplication and division unit before beginning our graphs unit. In this unit, children will be learning to draw and plot their own graphs using data gathered and given.

We will also be continuing our weekly times table tests. Your support in helping your child practise both the fluency and speed of these facts is integral to their success, so thank you for your continued support.



The tests will be sent home so that you can go through them together, identify any areas your child found tricky, and focus on practising those specific facts.

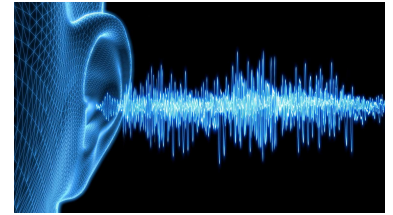
In class, we will also be practising times table recall daily to help build confidence and accuracy.

History

In History, we will be learning about Victorian shipbuilding in Jersey and why it was such an important industry at the time. Children will explore how Jersey-built ships travelled around the world and what this tells us about trade, technology, and life during the Victorian period.

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 Wednesday mornings, we will be learning how to play the violin and look forward to sharing our progress next half-term with you.

Computing

Our next computing module focuses on audio production. We will be learning to create this media each week and work on our editing and production skills.

PE

PE this half-term will be on **Thursdays and Fridays**.

Homework

Homework continues to be given out every Monday and is due the following Monday.

Kind regards,

Mr Dewar

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