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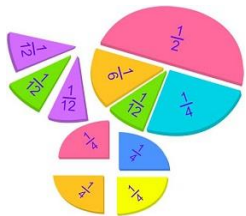
Head Teacher: Mrs Posner
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Monday 5th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Spring 1 2026

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

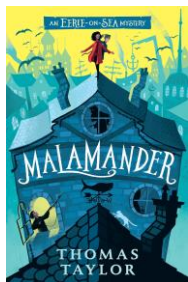


Maths

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 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.



Reading

Our class book in reading is the brilliant '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.



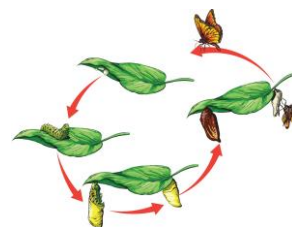


History

Children will learn all about what life was like in the Iron age including how they adapted to use metal for tools, weapons and currency. At the end of the unit, we will be visiting La Hougue Bie to learn more about life in Jersey 2000 years ago and visit the largest Iron-age coin hoard in the world

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 the Spring 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 artwork in their sketch books.

PE

Our PE days for this half-term will be **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. Mrs Boyle will be teaching Gymnastics. Please ensure children have the correct school PE kit including a jumper or small jacket.



RE

In RE, Year 5 will be discussing the question 'why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?' We will learn about Jesus' incarnation and how his messages affect how Christians live their lives in the modern day.

Homework

Year 5 homework will be handed out every Monday and should be returned on, or before, the following Monday. 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,

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