

April 2026

Dear Parents

### **Summer Term 2026 – Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter**

Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 1.

#### **English**

This term in English we will focus on our topic of 'Land and Sea'. We will be focusing on non-fiction writing, looking at the features of different texts and writing our own facts about many amazing sea creatures. We are also continuing to look at narrative fiction and will be describing different settings. Finally, we will learn about some famous pirates and enjoy stories about their swashbuckling adventures!

#### **Mathematics**

In Maths we will continue to consolidate number facts (number bonds, doubles, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s). Our learning will focus on multiplication (groups of), division, halves and quarters, position and direction, numbers to 100, time and money.

#### **Science**

We will be exploring two key topic areas: Seasonal Changes and Plants. Through Seasonal Changes, children will develop their understanding of the four seasons by observing and describing how weather patterns change and how daylight hours vary throughout the year. In Plants, pupils will learn to identify and name a range of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees and will explore the basic needs and structure of flowering plants, including trees.

#### **IT**

In IT we will create some animated stories by manipulating characters and backgrounds, using the app 'PuppetPals'. We will also learn how to log on to the internet using our own codes and explore how to use a keyboard.

#### **Geography**

Our Geography focus will be 'Our Island of Jersey'. We will learn about the twelve parishes, important landmarks and compare urban and rural settings. We will use simple compass directions to follow maps.

#### **PE**

In PE, Year 1 classes will be focusing on developing the quality with which they perform a range

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of athletics skills. The children will take part in a variety of running, jumping and throwing activities designed to improve their agility, balance and coordination. In addition, the children will continue to build on their games skills through participation in a range of modified striking and fielding activities. They will develop their throwing, catching and batting skills, while also learning the importance of teamwork, cooperation and communication.

### **Music**

The focus in music this term will be exploring instruments and symbols. They will create simple compositions using symbols as notation. They will also create music to accompany a story. They will continue to sing a variety of seasonal and topical songs, using classroom instruments to accompany their singing. They will explore dynamics and tempo in music using movement and dance. They will continue to learn about specific rhythms using crotchet, quaver and crotchet rest notation.

### **RE**

In RE we will be learning about Judaism and the celebrations of Shabbat and Chanukah.

### **Art / Design Technology**

In Art we will be looking at the natural world. We will be experimenting with a range of media, including clay and textiles.

### **Useful Information**

As the weather gets warmer, please remember to ensure your child has a named sun hat in school and to apply sun cream before school.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards

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