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Dear Parents

Summer Term 2025 – Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 2. We are all looking forward to an exciting final term in Key Stage 1.

English

In English we have started the term with some writing about the Easter holidays. We will then look at writing our own poetry. Moving through the first half term we will focus on myths and legends. We will begin by retelling the African myth 'Anansi the Spider'. We will then read several creation myths, before writing our own. Later in the term we will be focusing on the great outdoors. Through drama activities, we will be developing our extended writing using a range of sentence types and interesting vocabulary. We will also be focusing on non-fiction texts and designing posters and fact sheets about pond animals and other minibeasts.

Mathematics

In Mathematics we will be covering fractions, time, statistics and position and direction.

Science

In Science we will be learning about growing plants as well exploring the school grounds finding out about minibeasts, life cycles and habitats. Later in the term we will be visiting Hamptonne Woods for a Bug Safari.

IT

This term we will be working on coding using the programme Scratch Junior. We will also go to the computer suite and focus on our typing and word processing skills. We will continue to use IT across all curriculum areas, using apps such as 'Pic Collage' and 'Book Creator' to further develop subject knowledge and multimedia presentation skills, including creating our own presentations about minibeasts.

History/Geography

This term our focus will be a comparison between the seaside from the past and today. Living In Jersey the children are all familiar with beach activities and we will be looking at what a Victorian child might have done at the beach including what they might have worn, eaten and seen and we will compare it with what they do today. In Geography we are focusing on naming and locating the other Channel Islands and the surrounding waters. We will also be finding out

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about life in Africa by reading about a girl from Uganda and comparing her life with our life in Jersey.

PE

This term we will be focusing on developing the quality and consistency of the children's athletic skills. The children will take part in a range of competitive running, jumping and throwing activities. The children will also be developing the quality and consistency with which they perform various throwing, catching and batting skills through taking part in a range of modified striking and fielding games. After half term, we hope to welcome a tennis coach into school to work with the children, helping them to learn and develop a variety of tennis skills.

Music

The children will continue the music project in conjunction with the Jersey Music Service which will involve lots of playing a variety of instruments, composing music in groups, performing and singing. Each class will welcome parents to a short concert towards the end of the term so you can see what they have been learning. The concert dates are:

2T -Tuesday 1st July, 2.15pm

2C -Tuesday 8th July, 2.15pm

2D -Friday 11th July, 2.00pm

The children will also learn a variety of seasonal songs including war time songs, in preparation for Liberation day. They will also complete an African drumming unit which is a lot of fun!

RE

In RE we will be continuing to develop our understanding of Islam and finding out more about what happens during Hajj.

Art/Design Technology

In Art we will study the work of South African artist Esther Mahlangu and the role that art plays in Ndebele culture and heritage. We will use a variety of mediums to recreate some of her artwork using geometric patterns. We will also be using chalk pastels to draw pictures of spring blossom. In Design Technology we will be making vehicles focusing on wheels and axles.

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

Kind regards

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