



## Welcome back to the Spring Term.

We hope you enjoyed a wonderful time with your families and that this year brings you the best in health and happiness. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you very much for all your kind gifts and cards; we were overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness, and they were all very much appreciated.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and continuing to support the children with their learning. Our topic focus for this term is **All Around the World**. The children will be developing an understanding of longitude and latitude whilst comparing other countries to our own environment. We will also be investigating the Vikings and what they contributed to the history of the world.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks for all your support, Mrs McDermott and Mrs Valentine.

## LITERACY

**At school...** we will continue to develop our writing skills with a focus on paragraphs and developing the use of speech marks. We will be sharing a variety of texts including *Winter's Child*, *George's Marvellous Medicine* and *Cinnamon* to inspire our writing. We will continue to read a variety of books regularly, focusing on different aspects of reading including vocabulary, summarising, inference and comprehension.

**At home...** Please support your child to read a book for **10-20 minutes daily** and record their reflections on the text in their reading journals. They should record at least **2 responses** to the text **each week**.

Spelling rules will be taught and words will continue to be sent home on a Monday in preparation for a test on Friday.

Your child needs to write five (or more) of their spelling words in sentences, remembering to use appropriate vocabulary and punctuation. Spelling games and activities to help practice their words can be found in the booklet provided.

## Maths

**At school...** we will focus on multiplication and division and use these calculations to develop our reasoning and problem-solving skills.

**At home...** children need quick recall of tables to aid their mental agility in calculations. This term we are pushing the idea of learning our times tables by 'heart'. Practising times tables at any opportunity and in any way that engages your child will be hugely beneficial in developing their rapid recall of multiplication and the related division facts. Logging on to TTRockstars is one of many different ways your child can practise learning their times tables. I will be sending some sheets home so that they can focus on the specific times tables they need to learn.



## Music



We are participating in a project run by Jersey Music Service to learn to play a stringed instrument. Each child will be loaned a violin which can be taken home for practice. Towards the end of term we will entertain you with a concert and share what we have learnt.

## Change

### PE

The days for PE are slightly different. These will now be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child has suitable PE kit and appropriate footwear.

Tuesday - Cricket/Hockey  
Wednesday - Swimming



## Science

Our focus is **living things and their habitats**. We will be taking a closer look at how animals are classified and the adaptations they make to survive in their habitats.



## Important dates

- **Cricket Coach**  
9<sup>th</sup> January - 6<sup>th</sup> February
- **Violin Presentation**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
(time tbc)
- **Crabbe Residential**  
14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March  
TBC