



The Term Ahead...



Welcome to Year 5! I hope you had a fantastic summer and managed to do lots of exciting things!

As we start a new school year together, we have lots of exciting things planned throughout the upcoming year. I am keen this year to continue to develop the children's independence and confidence while approaching new challenges. So far, Year 5 have hit the ground running and they are all very excited to explore our topics this year! The children have really settled well into the new routines & expectations!

Please keep in touch, either through email or on the door at the end of the day, if there are any concerns or anything I should know about.

Trips and other information

French Experience - TBC

Bikeability - 6th & 19th September

Jersey Heritage- Jersey Myths 10th October

States Chamber - 18th November

Peer Mediation - 21st & 22nd November

Jersey Heritage - The Tudor's

Homework

Monday – Maths, reading and spellings homework will be given out. There will be a set of spellings in their books & some 5/6 statutory spellings.

Children are expected to read daily. They have reading journals to record pages they have read. They will also need to complete an extended reading activity at least once a week. The children will be sent a half term challenge related to our topic - details will be sent home separately.

Friday – Homework will be collected and shared with me. Spellings & Times tables will be tested.

Autumn Focus

Our work for the first half term will be focused on Myths and Legends and learning about creatures and Gods from Greek and Norse mythology. We will also learn about some of the legends from Jersey's own heritage! From this, we will create our own reimagined legends.

After half term, we will learn about Jersey's role in the English Civil War. We will learn about Tudors and Stuarts, including how people lived and worked during those times. We will explore the timeline which will link to the visit to the States Chamber, where we will learn about the Royal Mace and its significance to Jersey's history.

Important days:

Monday and Friday: PE.

We will focus on ball skills and gymnastics (these may change due to Jersey Sport)

Friday: Library

Science, PSHE, Art, DT, Computing

We will study Materials in Science, learning about changing states. Our PSHE this term will focus on creating a positive classroom environment, establishing routines & setting expectations of Year 5. In Art we will develop our drawing techniques. In DT we will design a Mace. In computing we will be improving our word processing skills.

Literacy and Maths



We are starting our new year by delving into Myths and Legends, which will be centered around our class novel 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' We will explore the different Gods from Greek and Norse mythology, as well as learning about the stories behind them. We will also look at J.K Rowling's 'Fantastic Beasts' to inspire some writing & drawing about mythical creatures.

After half term, we will focus on the novel 'Diver's Daughter' by Patrice Lawrence. This will help us to understand the lives of people during the 16th and 17th century. We will also write letters inspired by the people who lived at Elizabeth Castle during the 1600s. We will then learn facts about The Tudors and write Non Fiction texts. The children will do weekly spelling and reading sessions to develop their independent skills in these areas.

In Maths this term the children will develop their skills including: Place Value, addition & subtraction, statistics, multiplication & division, and shape. It is important for children to have a secure knowledge in number, such as quick mental recall of basic number facts and times tables.

