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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term 2019. This term's newsletter aims to give you an outline of the intended work in your child's class where we will be closely following the Jersey Curriculum. There is nothing more important to a child than to know that their parents are really interested in their work. Having good conversations about what we do at school is a great way to encourage your child's learning.

Reading:

Our approach to Reading will be as last term, with pupils working in groups according to their ability. During these sessions the children will be given their weekly spellings. The children in Mrs Wilderspin's and Ms Jansen's group will be studying the novel 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White. We will also be reading non-fiction texts about farming. It would be great for the children to be given support in learning their Year 5 spelling list words for the end of the year. Many thanks.

Writing:

Writing comes into most lessons and children will be set specific targets to move on their learning. In dedicated writing sessions we will be writing play scripts based on our class novel in the first half term. After half term we will be writing a range of letters. Throughout our writing sessions the children will continue to use various forms of punctuation, a variety of different sentence type, and we will focus on using exciting vocabulary.

Maths

Please find information from your child's maths teacher if your child is not in Mrs Wilderspin's and Ms Jansen's maths group. In this group, and besides the weekly Big Maths (Clic), Times tables and Mental Maths checks, we will be focusing on: Place value, decimals and fractions, mental and written calculation, Calculating fractions, ratio and proportion, coordinates, translation and reflection, algebra and sequences, measurement and statistics. as well as 2D and 3D shape

Science

This term in Science we will continue to study 'Life Cycles'. After half term we will be studying 'Changes and Reproduction'. This will include growth, pregnancy and puberty. This is a great way to introduce the children in to a series of 'Sex Education lessons'. A more detailed letter of what we will be covering during these sessions will be going out to parents shortly. Any queries please feel free to come and see us.

Project and Coursework

Our project for this term will be 'Allotment'. In this project we will be learning about the use of land in Jersey, sustainable farming, locally sourced produce. Thanks to our fund-raising efforts throughout the year, every Tuesday afternoon after half term, we will also learn how to plant our own vegetables and look at how plants grow at the exciting 'Farm School Project'. All dates and times will be sent to you in due course as, instead of inviting you all to join us for a 'Sharing' session at the end of term, we thought it would be nice if one parent, carer or other family member per family, could sign up to take part in one of the Farm school sessions, so your child could share what they are doing on site. At the end of this project, and as part of Design and Technology, we are aiming to make soup with our very own vegetables, to be enjoyed with freshly home baked bread as a treat.

This term's coursework will also be slightly different: We are asking all children to create an 'as locally sourced as possible', savoury meal for your family. They will have to write out the recipe, calculate the food

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miles (as will be taught in school) and take a photograph of the meal for their presentation. Children will also have to write up an evaluation in which they reflect on what they could do next time to make it better. More details of this will follow.

P.E.

Now that swimming lessons have finished, our P.E sessions will be every **Tuesday and Wednesday**. The children are expected to come to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. Before half term our PE lessons will be inventing a series of our own games, creating rules etc. We will also be having netball lessons from an expert teacher. After half term we will be having athletics lessons (sprinting, throwing, hurdles, relay, long distance running, jumping), in preparation for Sports Day.

ICT/Computing

In ICT/Computing the children will be:

- Editing and exporting media
- Creating animations (using iStopMotion)

French

French lessons will take place, following the Salut French Program with Madame Barnes.

Some dates for the diary:

Primary Schools Sports Festival

This annual event, held at Fort Regent for all Year 5s around the island, will be held on Wednesday the 1st of May. It is a whole day event so children will need to come to school in their PE kits on that day. Please bring an appropriate lunch in a plastic bag and plenty of water. We are aiming to be back at school before 3pm.

Crabbe

It is with great excitement that I'm able to announce that on Thursday 4th – Friday 5th July. Year 5 pupils will be having a residential trip to the new Queen's Jubilee Activity Base (Crabbe). The trip will involve arriving at Crabbe in the morning, activities during the day, sleeping overnight, more activities during the following day and then they will be collected. Food for most of the trip will be provided. There will be a small cost for this trip which we will let you know about as soon as possible. Please read the other letter attached to this email with details, timings, kit list, activities and permission slip. As soon as details have been organized we will let you know so that you can feel free to pop in to ask any questions.

Swim Safe 2018

Another exciting date for the diary is Monday 1st July. Jersey Sport, alongside the Bosdet Foundation are providing a 'Swim Safe' programme to all Year 5 pupils across the island. The aim of this session is to provide children with the knowledge on how to be safe in and around the sea; and also what to do if they do get into difficulty or if they find someone else in trouble. It is an essential life skill and with the summer holidays fast approaching, it will equip them with some valuable knowledge. More details on the timings and the location will soon follow.

Safety in Action

On Monday July 8th Year 5 will be attending a safety afternoon at Highlands College. They will be learning about **First Aid, Road Safety, Fire Safety, Home Safety, Water Safety and Play Safety**. The children will need to be wearing their school PE kit on this day. A letter of reminder will be sent out in early July with more details.

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Open Day

Finally, I hope to see those who can't easily make it into school during school sharing sessions, at our St Lawrence School Open Day on Thursday 16th May between 17.30 and 19:00 pm.

Please feel free to come and see us at any time if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. We are a partnership and by working closely together we can ensure that your child will be receiving the best possible support to move their learning forward. I am looking forward to a happy and successful summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Jansen and Mrs Wilderspin

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