



# St. Lawrence Primary School

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Dear Parents,

## **“Can we explore it?”**

This term we are following the project “Can we explore it?”. We are looking at different areas that we can explore and we are going out on as many educational visits as possible. I will send out a questionnaire to ask where your family likes to explore in Jersey, so that the children can talk about places in Jersey with which they are familiar.

## **Outdoor learning**

Our site manager Sean has built us a huge pergola so that we can shelter from the rain and sun, whilst continuing to write, draw, play games and continue any activities which we would otherwise only do indoors in poor weather.

In the wider school grounds we are planning to explore the school pond and the new trim trail equipment, and there are lots of Forest School activities planned for this term, which will take place both in the Nursery and the school grounds.

## **Indoor learning**

Indoors we will continue to provide a language rich environment which encourages the children to talk to each other and to staff. The children will start to learn the Speed Sounds Set One which is used in the Read, Write Inc scheme in the school and they will continue to develop number skills and handwriting skills. If you would like to hear examples of the phonic alphabet with pure sounds being articulated, you can click on these two links. Correct pronunciation of sounds is important so that children can learn to blend sounds when reading.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjIPILhk7bQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q>

Many exploring ideas will be incorporated into self-initiated play in the home corner, sand and water trays and the art area.

## **Visits**

Whilst bubbles are still in place due to COVID policies we propose taking the children on visits in two smaller groups using nursery staff and our two volunteers. The children will be taken on visits on a 1 adult to 4 children ratio and the children remaining at nursery will be taught by two members of staff.

## **Our wonderful volunteers can return!**

At last two of our regular volunteers can return safely to the nursery class.

Mrs. Renault (Pauline) comes in every Tuesday to talk to the children individually as they change their library books and to do handwriting activities. Please return library books on Monday or Tuesday. Mrs. Day (Libby) will help with numeracy and literacy activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me or to email me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Turner

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*'To develop responsible, independent individuals who love learning and have the knowledge and attitudes to be successful in an ever changing world'.*

