



# St. Lawrence Primary School

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## Year 1 – Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year ! I hope you've all had a restful Christmas. Mrs Caviglione and I have lots of new activities in mind and are looking forward to working with your children.

We have three visits planned for this term as follows:

- A trip to 16 New Street where the children will step back in time and find out what it was like to live in Jersey two hundred years ago - a time when men wore top hats and stockings and only boys went to school .... We will tour the house with Erin, the Education Officer from the National Trust for Jersey, and meet the Cook in the historic kitchen and help her to prepare some food. The children will have the opportunity to handle historical objects, and will find out how the house was heated and lit as well as discover why there are no bathrooms ! The date for this trip is yet to be confirmed but details will be sent to you soon.
- A trip to the Royal Square in relation to our topic on *The Battle of Jersey*. With the help of Helen Otterwell from the Jersey Heritage Trust, we will be re-enacting the Battle of Jersey, marching into the Royal Square and pretending to fire at each other ! We will look at the marks on the Pierson Pub where the muskets hit the walls and will go to the Town Church to see where Major Peirson and Baron de Rullecourt are buried. Helen will also show the children items from this time – a 1781 militia jacket and a bayonet ! This trip will take place on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February.
- A Science field trip led by Erin from the National Trust for Jersey where children will work in small groups to construct a watershed model using natural materials such as soil, rocks and flora in the area, and then test their model by simulating rainfall using a watering can. This trip will take place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February.

In addition to these trips, we welcome two visitors this term:

- On Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, the children will be finding out about the Lunar New Year and using their creative skills to explore Chinese birds and flowers, taking inspiration from a series of Chinese Botanical Artists and creating their own

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painting on canvas. We are very grateful to Kelly Eastwood for leading this workshop.

- On Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, we will welcome Mandy Le Tensorer from Child Accident Prevention who will deliver a workshop called *Speak Dog and Stay Safe*, which is a campaign designed to teach young children how to behave around dogs. Further details can be found by clicking on the link:  
[Speak Dog and Stay Safe – Child Accident Prevention Jersey \(cap.je\)](#)

## **Literacy**

Our Read, Write, Inc sessions will continue daily, with writing as part of these sessions. Reading books are changed every Monday so please ensure that your child has their RWI folder on this day.

In our Writing sessions, the children will be continuing to use their phonic knowledge to support their writing as well as using capital letters at the beginning of sentences and for names, and full stops at the end of sentences. As the children learn to extend their sentences, they will be using connectives such as *and, but, or* to join clauses.

The children will learn to recite two poems this term – *Snowball* by Shel Silverstein and *Now We Are Six* by AA Milne.

## **Mathematics**

We continue to follow the White Rose Scheme of Work for **Mathematics**. Details of the areas covered this term can be seen by clicking on the link:

[Maths resources for teachers | White Rose Maths](#)

The White Rose scheme offers free workbooks to parents to help support their child at home. The workbooks can be downloaded via the following link:  
<https://whiterosemaths.com/parent-resources>

The Mathematics Fluency homework for this half term can be found on our website as follows (under Year 1, Spring 1 and Spring 2 – pages 8 and 9).

[https://www.stlawrence.sch.je/wp-content/uploads/Fluency\\_Policy\\_2021.pdf](https://www.stlawrence.sch.je/wp-content/uploads/Fluency_Policy_2021.pdf)

## **Science**

In **Science** this term, we will be learning about the human body, labelling parts of our body (such as elbow, chin, knees) as well as looking at the human skeleton. We have some real x-rays to explore on our lightbox and look at closely. We will then move on to *Materials* and will be identifying and naming a variety of different materials such as wood, plastic, glass

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and metal. We will describe physical properties of these materials and will also be testing different materials using our knowledge and observations. Our Science Field Trip will see us working in small groups to create a watershed using a variety of different materials and testing these to see which are waterproof.

## **History**

Our main focus in History this half term will be finding out about the *Battle of Jersey*. We will look at the timeline of events and find out why the battle took place. We will re-enact the Battle on our visit to the Royal Square and look at the details in Copley's famous painting of this battle:

[The Battle of Jersey](#)

## **Geography**

We will be taking a walk in our local area on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> January and identifying physical and human geographical features as we walk. Back at school, we will use photographs from the walk to create a simple map. Later on in the term, we will be learning about the four countries of the United Kingdom, and locating them on a map and on a globe. We will be finding out about the flags and the national flowers of the UK.

## **Religious Education**

In RE this term, we will be finding out about Creation Stories and comparing different stories from different religions. We will also take part in a *Messy Church* Easter activity at St Lawrence Church at the end of the term. We are fortunate to be able to welcome the 'Open the Book' team every fortnight who use puppets and stories to share Bible Stories with the children in Key Stage One.

## **Design and Technology**

In DT, the children will be using the resources from our sewing trolley and designing and creating an item. One option available will be sock puppets – any odd socks that you may have (plain or patterned) would be gratefully received !

## **Physical Education**

Our PE days this term will be Thursdays and Fridays. We are excited to be working with the *Sports Bug* team on Thursdays who will be introducing the children to team play, communication, and basic techniques for a range of sports, such as football, tennis, cricket, basketball and hockey. Mrs Cook will take the Year 1 children for Dance sessions on Fridays.

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## **Computing**

The children will continue to develop their Office-based skills and mouse control skills this term by logging on to a computer and using simple paint programmes and office programmes to explore typing their names and changing fonts and colours. Later in the term, the children will be using the 'BeeBots' to develop simple programming skills, using a sequence of commands to move the BeeBot. Click on the following link to find out more about BeeBots:

[Bee-Bot – The Education Partnership](#)

## **Art**

In Art this term, the children will be learning about the very colourful work of Romero Britto and using different media such as collage, clay and paint to work in the style of Britto.

## **Music**

Our Music sessions take place every Tuesday with Mrs Stievenard, a Music Specialist who comes in to lead the Music lessons. This term, the children will be exploring Samba / Carnival music, using instruments to explore short, rhythmic patterns, to recognise repeating patterns in music, to be able to perform with others, starting and stopping together and to follow simple instructions when performing.

## **Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education**

In our PSHE sessions this term, the children will be learning about food that is associated with special times and in different cultures, about playground games from around the world and about sun-safety. Later on in the term, the children will be learning about good and harmful substances (such as household products) and we will be reiterating safety rules about what is safe and not safe to eat or drink. In relation to safety, the children will also be taking part in a *Speak Dog and Stay Safe* workshop led by the Child Accident Prevention Team on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Homework**

As well as the Maths homework outlined above, children are encouraged to read to an adult at least four or five times a week for ten minutes each time. All children will have either reading books or 'ditties' (simple sentences) to read. Please encourage your child to point

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to the text and 'Fred talk' words when they get stuck. Some words can not be 'Fred talked' and these are known as red words (e.g. *you*). These are words that the children need to learn to read by sight.

A copy of the Year 1 common exception words was given out at Parents Evening. These are the words that the children will be working on in school – both reading and writing them. Please could the children also practice these at home as this will have a positive impact on their writing skills – your support with this is much appreciated.

[CommonExceptionWords\\_Y1.pdf \(oxfordowl.co.uk\)](#)

Many thanks for your continued support.

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