



Quote of the Week

**"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat."
—Laura Ingalls Wilder**

News from Sark School - 25th April 2024

At the end of last term we enjoyed a fun filled Easter Egg hunt around the playground. Our current Head boy and Head girl did a good job of hiding all the eggs.

It was lovely to welcome you into our school on the last day. The children did a great job of entertaining everybody and it is always so lovely to see the pride in their faces as they show off our amazing little school.

As we start a new school term, new topics are being launched. We will be sharing our new curriculum letters with you shortly. These are in a new format which allows our teachers to also tap into them as a working document. We would be really interested in your feedback on this new format and if they are accessible to you too.

We have started our weekly Guernsey trips and the children had a great time swimming, climbing and bouncing. We would like to thank FOSS for helping to fund these trips. We have also started Badminton sessions on a Friday with Paulo, a visiting coach from Guernsey. We would like to thank Sark Sports Club for funding this opportunity.

Please keep watching Class Dojo as this proved a highly efficient way of communicating when we had boat changes.

Michelle Brady



Around the classrooms - A weekly round up of what we've been getting up to

The house point totals for the year so far are:

Creux 372
Maseline 420
Gosselin 444

Class 1

Class 1 had great fun dressing up as Superheroes and taking part in many superhero activities on Superhero day. We made superhero smoothies which we all loved trying. We used our super powerful memories to remember the items on the tray and we loved posing as superheroes in the hall. We have continued to work hard on our numbers with Tigers going all the way up to 50! In phonics we are writing longer sentences and trying to remember our tricky words which really are very tricky! We really enjoy our book Super Milly and the School Day. This term we have moved on to the topic of Dinosaurs and we are enjoying learning all the long names!



Class 2

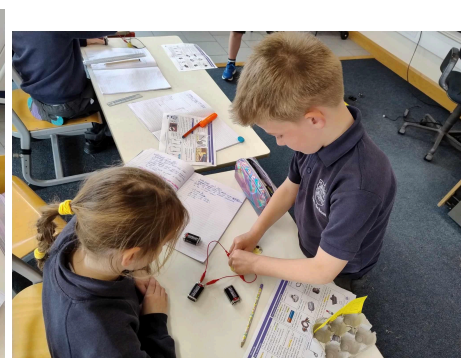
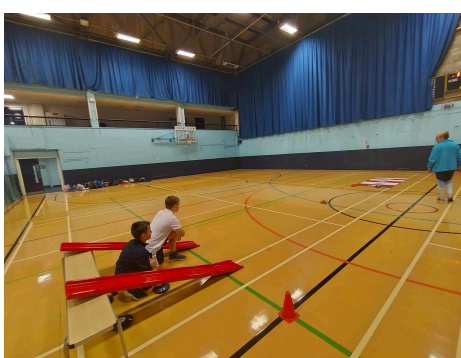
Class 2 pupils truly are a bunch of bright sparks as we have plugged into our **Electricity** topic in **Science** starting with looking at day to day appliances and moving on to creating circuits, I am very much enjoying the lightbulb moments! By the end of our topic the aim is for children to confidently and independently use scientific evidence to answer questions and identify similarities, differences, patterns and changes relating to simple scientific ideas and processes around electricity. Over in **Maths**, we are currently looking at **Decimals** in Year 4 and **Fractions** year 2 and 3, before moving on to **Money** and **Time** for all. This will be supplemented by key instant recall facts practice, appropriate to age group, through morning activities and homework.

We are playing detectives in **Literacy** this half term. Our writing focus uses *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* as a focus, exploring the illustrations – left in a mysterious suitcase in the classroom – and creating mystery setting descriptions, using a variety of grammatical and authorial tools. We will be going on to create our own action stories. Our reading focus is **Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure**, think Indiana Jones meets Hercule Poirot with plenty of slapstick humour! We explore this book through whole class guided reading, largely responding to the book orally, including plenty of vocabulary development.

Anglo-Saxons is our new **History** topic; we have looked at the initial invasion and influence on place names. These warriors have followed us into battle for **RE** where we're looking at Anglo-Saxon Gods and **Art and DT**, introduction to Anglo-Saxon art, will be making stonework, metalwork, jewellery.

Our **PSHE** focus is digital wellbeing where we are considering the benefits and risks of online activities. Children are learning about screen time and getting a healthy balance between online and offline activities and they will learn about online relationships, including cyberbullying and online stranger danger. Privacy issues and the pressures and challenges that are often associated with social media will also be explored.

In **PE**, we are enjoying weekly **Badminton** lessons too and our weekly **Thursday enrichment** to Beau Sejour are also keeping our hearts pumping, children thriving in their **swimming**, **trampolining**, **curling** and **boccia sessions!** We have taken a trip to the virtual zoo in **French** and are learning all about **Animals** and focusing on all things **Keyboard** and **Composition** in **Music!**



Class 3

This term, we are taking a fascinating dive into the rich tapestry of British history, exploring the myriad of cultures that have shaped our nation. From the Celts, the earliest recorded inhabitants, to the Romans who brought with them roads, baths, and an organised society. We then will study the Vikings, fierce warriors and traders who left their mark with their longships and sagas. Each group contributed to the cultural and historical landscape, creating the Britain we know today. This all links into our current Literacy focus- Beowulf, the oldest surviving English literature. In science, we've been exploring the fascinating world of taxonomy, the classification of living things. Students have been learning about the different kingdoms and how organisms are grouped based on shared characteristics. It's a system that dates back to Carl Linnaeus and helps us understand the incredible diversity of life on Earth. You can also see below how much our students are enjoying the sport and swimming opportunities at Beau Sejour!



Enrichment

Enrichment this half term will be as follows;

Mondays - 3:30-4:30 Beltane rehearsal with Jolie

Wednesdays -No enrichment

A few dates	
Thursday 25th April	Swimming trip
Thursday 2nd May	Swimming trip
Monday 6th May	Bank holiday - no school
Thursday 9th May	No Swimming trip - Guernsey Liberation Day
Friday 10th May	Bank holiday - no school

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Alternatively, please feel free to drop-in to School any day between 8.00am and 8.15am



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