



Quote of the Week

"Whether you think you can, or think you can't, you're right." Henry Ford

News from Sark School - 12th January 2024

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas Holiday and welcomed in the new year with feelings of both accomplishment and new starts. January, although cold and dark, is a month of new beginnings and looking forward. It was so exciting to see the snow come to Sark with many of our pupils enjoying its wonder for the very first time. Thank you for making sure that all pupils were suitably dressed to enjoy this experience! We continue to look for every opportunity to take our learning outdoors and this was a new and beautiful way to do this. With a new year we start to look at our Eisteddfod entries again. This year we have branched out into the Music Eisteddfod with Mr Smith, Mrs Turner and class 3 heading over to Guernsey with their musical pieces on Wednesday 28th February. All parents are welcome to join us. Class 1, class 2 and class 3, including our preschoolers, will be heading over to Guernsey on Wednesday 6th March to perform all our remaining pieces. Again please come and join us. It was great to have supporters last year. Please look at Class Dojo for further information. Please can I remind you to keep on checking Class Dojo and feel free to like posts as it helps us to keep data on how the app is being used.

Shortly there will be a parent questionnaire on Homework. I am starting to write a Homework Policy for the school to have some continuity and progression running throughout. Your views on this will help me to write a policy that is inclusive of all our Sark School community. We will also be asking the pupils their opinion and all staff are being consulted. I would really appreciate as much feedback as possible and it should only take a few minutes to complete.

As a school we are looking at how our brain works and how we can make learning more fun if we have a growth mindset. This week we have talked about how our brains need to exercise and challenge themselves and that is why we need to have work that really makes us think.

Please feel free to ask about any of our themes and values.

All the best,
Michelle Brady



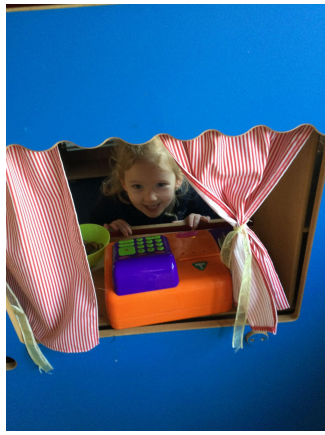
Around the classrooms - A weekly round up of what we've been getting up to

The certificate winners

This week the winners are

Class 1

As we start our new topic of Plants and Growing we have been looking at the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been building beanstalks in outdoor exploring. We have also created the Sark Garden Centre in our classroom. We cooked some spaghetti this week to make the letter s in our tuff tray. We used lots of great language when we were cooking and we decided that our word of the week would be tepid. We used this word to describe the water before it got hot. We started a new water station so that we can learn to pour our own water and sip it through the day as well as at break. In the afternoon year 1 and Reception pupils have been reading the book The See Saw. As part of this new literacy topic they have had a picnic with their teddy bears. This weekend will also be the first time one of our class teddies go on an adventure. We look forward to hearing all about their time at someone's house.

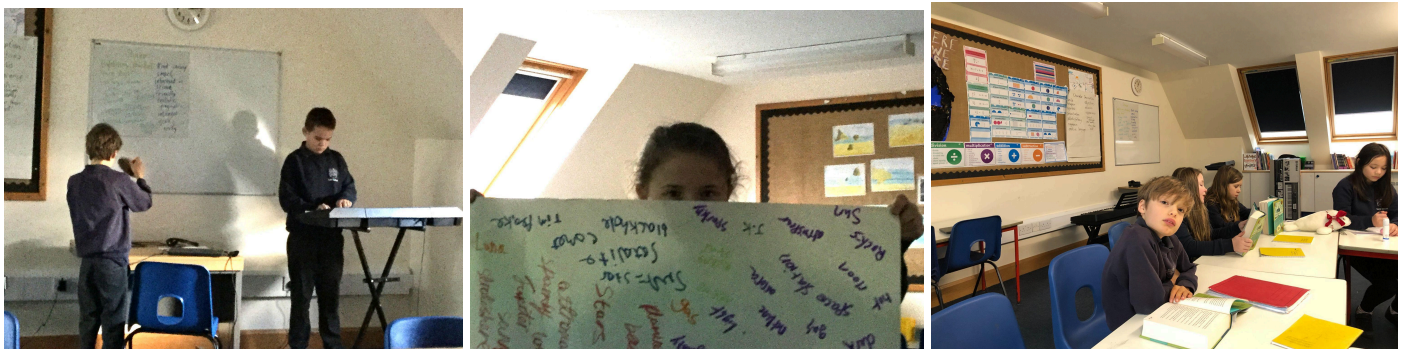


Class 2

It has been a joy to be back in Class 2 doing what we do best, learning and having fun as we go. We've been busy investigating forces through lots of practical experimentation using everyday objects and racing cars over ramps with different materials (including one very scientific material, 'Otter's blanket'!) Our new book in English, Frindleswylde and the icy winter land that inhabits it, has mirrored our latest snow magic perfectly and in just over a week we've already written predictions, voting slips, character dialogue, letters and poems baked around the book! The Olympics and some of the greatest athletes to have competed have been inspiring Class 2 as we've started researching and creating biographies, devising warm up games in PE and exploring what motivates sportspeople across the ages in PSHE. In Maths, Year 4 have been flying through factors and Year 2 and 3 have been adding and subtracting across 100 independently. As always, we have taken our learning outdoors as much as possible come rain or shine (or snow!)



Class 3



It was fantastic to see the children back after Christmas. We have started lots of new learning- we are enjoying reading probably the chunkiest book we have ever attempted- but rather than being fazed, they were excited about how grow-up this seemed. The 'Space Race' topic also seems to be a source of interest and fascination- lots of intelligent questions and avenues for investigation! We have also started rehearsing for the Eisteddfod festival- the class have written their own piece of filmic music that I can't wait for you to hear... Overall a great start to the New Year.

Enrichment

Enrichment this half term will be as follows;

Mondays - Year 1 and class 2 Serquaise with Martin and Miss Swanson (prep for Eisteddfod)

Class 3 - Computer skills with Mr Lord and Mrs Turner/ Mr Smith

Wednesdays - Whole School Eisteddfod preparation with Mrs Brady

A few dates	
Saturday 3rd February	FOSS fundraiser at The Old Hall 'A Night at The Dogs'
Friday 9th February	School ends for half term 3pm
Wednesday 28th February	Class 3 Music Eisteddfod-Guernsey

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To arrange a meeting with the Head of School, please email office@sarkschool.co.uk.

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



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Be Curious



Be You