

### Communication & Language

Promoting language use within the setting is one of our top priorities in Pre-School. We will begin the year by sharing each one of the beautiful 'shoe box creations' that the children have brought to school. We will also be sharing our class contract and talking about how we can become good citizens at FCJ.

### Reading

We will start our phonics sessions next week beginning with phase one. This supports the children with recognising sounds within the environment. Later in the term, we will start exploring letter sounds. Our first sounds will include the letters 's,a,t,p,i,n'. We will also be sharing books including by lots of popular authors.

### Writing

We will be focusing on developing correct pencil grip for mark making. We will then move onto letter formation of the sounds as we begin learning them. We will also be encouraging each child to learn to write their name correctly.

### RE

Our first topic will be 'Creation' where we will be learning all about God's wonderful world and our families. We will be learning our special FCJ prayers and joining the rest of the school family for assemblies and collective worship.

### Welcome to the Autumn Term in Pre-School

We are looking forward to an exciting time of getting to know your child as they begin their individual learning journey at FCJ. The children are eager and excited to get going and so are we!

# Pre-School Termly Newsletter



### Other Important Information

- Please ensure all children have full uniform that is clearly **labelled**.
- Please ensure that your child has a clearly labelled water bottle.
- Children need to bring in a named blue coat especially on days when it is cold and wet.
- Please remember that we are a **nut free school**.
- Please can you ensure your child has a pair of named wellie boots which will stay in school.
- Your child will need a plain blue school sun hat for the sunny days outside – this **MUST** be named.
- We do not need rucksacks or bags in Pre-School, if you would like your child to have a bag to put their water bottle and lunch box in, please purchase an FCJ bookbag.
- We do not allow children to bring in toys from home as this often results in them getting lost or damaged.
- Please ensure your child arrives for the correct school timings, 8/8:30 for morning club and 9am for NEF starting hours.

### Understanding the World

We will be learning about the seasons with a particular focus on Autumn and the changes that we can see happening around us. We will also be learning about our families and the traditions that we share together.

### Mathematics

We will be learning to count and recognise numbers represented in different ways. Through play, we will be giving the children the opportunity to recite number names in sequence and use some language of quantities, such as 'more' and 'a lot'.

### Expressive Arts & Design

The children will be joining in with rhymes and will have the opportunity to explore a range of different instruments. Throughout the term we will be getting creative in our craft area experimenting with different media and materials.

### Physical Development

We will have P.E. once per week as well using our outside area to explore some of the skills that we will be learning including: balancing, jumping and moving. We will also be working on our health and selfcare and going to the toilet independently.

### Autumn Term Trip

We are planning to go on an Autumnal walk using all five of our senses to collect and see all things related to Autumn.

### Communication & Language

Promoting language use within the setting is one of our top priorities in Reception. We will begin the year by sharing each one of the beautiful 'shoe box creations' that the children have brought to school. We will also be sharing our class contract and talking about how we can be good citizens.

### Reading

We will start our phonics sessions in the coming weeks beginning with Phase two.

Our first sounds will include the letters 's,a,t,p,i,n' and we will progress through the sounds weekly. We will be sending home phonics/key words cards – we ask that you share these regularly with your child to practise their sounds. We will be sharing books including: 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants', 'The Gruffalo', 'Owl Babies' and 'Funny Bones'

### Writing

We will be focusing on developing correct pencil grip and letter formation of the sounds as we begin learning them. We will also be encouraging each child to learn to write their name correctly. Please encourage mark making at home.

### RE

Our first topic will be 'Creation' where we will be learning all about God's wonderful world and our families. We will be learning our special FCJ prayers .

### Welcome to the Autumn Term in Reception

We are looking forward to an exciting term of getting to know your child as they begin their learning journey in Reception.

The children are eager and excited to get going and so are we!

# Reception Termly Newsletter



### Other Important Information

- Please ensure all children have full uniform that is clearly labelled.
- Blazers and hats/caps must be worn everyday (unless PE days).
- Please check and empty book bags daily as they may contain letters and other important information. Phonics/word cards and reading books (when given) are to be kept in the book bags each day as we may use them at different points in the week.
- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school daily, they may have a separate drink for lunch, however an additional water bottle is not required.
- We ask that the children **do not** bring toys to school from home.
- White trainers are required for all P.E. sessions. Plimsolls should be kept in school. Children also need to bring in a coat on P.E. days.
- Please can your child have their snack/s in their book bag each day.
- Drop off to the classroom is from 8.30-8.40 am. If your child arrives at school after this time, they must be taken to the front entrance to register. Please remember that our registers close at 8.50 am, arrival after this time is recorded as late.

### Understanding the World

We will be learning about the seasons with a particular focus on Autumn and the changes that we can see happening around us. We will also be learning about our families and the traditions that we share together.

### Mathematics

We will be learning to count and recognise numbers represented in different ways starting with the composition of numbers to 10. The children will learn to subitise to 5 and develop their number sense and develop their language skills in this area. We will set maths challenges on Tapestry as the term progresses.

### Expressive Arts & Design

The children will be joining in with rhymes and will have the opportunity to explore a range of different instruments. Throughout the term we will be getting creative, experimenting with different media and materials.

### Physical Development

PE lessons will take place on Friday – tracksuits are to be worn. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their full tracksuit with their shorts and T-shirt underneath. In inclement weather a coat may also be needed (no cap or blazer).

### Autumn Term Trip

We are planning an Autumn walk to explore the changes in the seasons.

### RE

This term we are learning all about the Creation story. Throughout the first half term the children will develop their knowledge of how God created the universe. They will also have a chance to deepen their understanding of parables from the Old Testament as we focus on some of the Psalms from the Bible.

### English

We will begin by focusing on the story 'The Rainbow Fish' and then continue to study books link to our 'Under the Sea' topic. The children will have opportunities to write a postcard, character descriptions as well as develop their speaking and listening skills through hot seating. We will be focusing on spelling, punctuation, and grammar on a weekly basis. They will also practise their letter formation and sentence composition. Phonics is also a key element of our English curriculum, and the children will be practising these on a daily basis.

### Maths

We will begin the year by focusing on counting forwards and backwards to 100 from any given number. The children will begin to read and write numbers from 1 -20 in numerals and words. Time will be spent learning the place value of two-digit numbers.

### Creative Curriculum

Our topic for this term is 'Under the Sea'. The children will be taking a journey to the deepest depths of the oceans as we dive into life underwater. We will also be learning about our beaches and coastline. Using geographical language, we will explain what we can see.

### Music

The children will learn new songs, explore percussion instruments, and find out about different rhythmic values.

## Welcome to Year 1.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead in Year 1. The children are re-energised and enthusiastic to be back at school and we are very much looking forward to continuing to watch the children grow and thrive in their new classes.

# Year 1 Termly Newsletter



## AOB

- Please ensure all children have full uniform that is clearly labelled.
- Please remember we are **a nut free school**. Please provide your child with a healthy snacks, **fruit**, or **vegetables** in the morning. Please no crisps for morning snack.
- Please ensure that your child has two water bottles in school, one to be left in the classroom and one in their lunch bag.
- White trainers are required for all P.E. sessions. Plimsolls should be kept in school.
- Children also need to bring in a coat on P.E. days, especially when it is cold. Year 1's P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday.
- Please can you ensure that your child arrives promptly to school; Year 1 can arrive from 8.30am through main doors. Please also ensure that pick up is prompt for both home time (3pm for Key Stage One), and after school activity clubs (KS1 clubs 4pm/ KS2 clubs 4.10pm).
- Children must have an apron for their Art sessions on a Friday.
- To maximise learning time, the children will no longer stop for an afternoon snack (they eat lunch between 11.50 and 12.20). However, if your child attends an FCJ activity club, they may eat a small snack before this begins.

## Science

This term our topic is Animals, including humans. The children will be learning about our senses, identifying, naming and label the basic parts of the human body They will also identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

## Computing

The children will be learning to log on to the computers independently. They will be introduced to different programmes and have the opportunity to explore them in depth. Our focus this term is "Technology in our lives". The children will also have numerous opportunities to use the iPads.

## PE

This term our focus will be fundamental skills. This will involve skipping, running and jumping to improve gross motor skills. The children will just need to wear their normal PE kit on both days.

## French

The children will participate in a variety of songs, games, and role play activities to learn simple greetings, how to say their name and numbers to 10 in French.

## Autumn Term Trip

This term we are planning a visit to the RNLI station to learn about RNLI's lifesaving work as a charity and beach and sea safety, as well as lifeboats in general.

### RE

Our topics in RE this term will be Creation and Catholic Social Teaching. The children's learning will focus on understanding that God works through His people to protect His beautiful creation.

### English

We are very excited to start our 'Castles and Knights' topic. The children will learn how to create a character description based on the castle stories we will be reading in class. The children will also learn how to construct their own traditional tale. They will be taught how to use expanded noun phrases, exclamation marks and questions marks.

### Maths

In Maths, we will be deepening the children's knowledge and understanding of number within place value, addition and subtraction. There will be a particular focus on developing the children's problem-solving skills and their mental arithmetic.

### Science

This term, the children will investigate the properties of different materials and sort them into groups. They will also explore the everyday uses of a range of materials through a variety of experiments.

### PE

This term our focus will be fundamental skills. This will involve skipping, running and jumping to improve gross motor skills. The children will just need to wear their normal PE kit on both days. Learning how to tie shoelaces before this lesson will be helpful! Netball and Football will be next term.

### Welcome back!

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 2 at FCJ! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and share with you some of the exciting things that we will be learning about during the next term.

# Year 2 Termly Newsletter



We have outlined below key points to ensure a successful term ahead:

- Homework will be sent home on Monday and due in on the Friday. Reading books will be given out on a Monday. Weekly spelling tests will take place on a Friday, and English and Maths cards will be checked regularly.
- Please ensure all children have full uniform, which is clearly labelled. Children must have an apron for their Art session, which will remain in school.
- White trainers are required for all PE sessions. Plimsolls should be kept in school. Spare outdoor PE kit must also be kept in their school locker.
- Children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE lessons, for health and safety reasons and must be able to remove them by themselves. Children also need to bring in a coat on PE days to wear over their PE tracksuits when it is cold.
- **Year 2 PE days are Monday and Tuesday.**
- Please ensure that your child arrives promptly to school; the register closes at 8.50am. Please also ensure that pick up is prompt for both home time (3pm for Key Stage One), and after school activity clubs (KS1 activity clubs 4.00pm).
- We are a nut free school. The children may have a snack during morning break and eat lunch between 11.50 and 12.20. If your child attends an FCJ activity club, they may eat a small snack before this begins.

### Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term will be 'Castles and Knights'. We will learn about the physical properties of castles and find out about kings and queens from the past. We will be learning about life inside a castle, including what people ate and the jobs they did. During Autumn Term 2, the children will participate in a Castles topic day in school – start thinking about your costume for this day as it will be a day to celebrate our learning.

### Computing

In computing this term, the children will learn to recognise common uses of information technology beyond school, including shops and banks. They will also learn about the different parts of a computer and why they are important.

### Music

The children will learn a variety of songs/raps and will focus on the concepts of pulse, rhythm and pitch with the percussion instruments.

### French

French will be taught by Ms Salmon. The children will continue to develop their French skills and will learn to count to 20 and answer the question 'How are you?' through a variety of fun songs and practical games.

### Autumn Term Trip

We are planning a visit to Gorey castle linked to our Creative topic of Castles and Knights. More information to follow.



### RE

The children will be exploring the Creation story and Baptism. We will be learning about how God created the world we live in. After half term, we will be exploring the concept of Catholic Social Teaching and how we can follow Jesus' example in the way we treat others.

### English

In English, we will be studying the text 'Stone Age Boy'. The children will be focusing on their reading and comprehension skills. We will also introduce the children to writing composition tasks to build upon grammatical understanding and stamina for extended writing. In our grammar lessons we are consolidating adjectives, adverbs and time conjunctions. Spellings will be handed out each Monday and children tested on Friday.

### Maths

In the Autumn Term, we will be focusing on a full range of mathematical areas including place value, addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division. The children will develop fluency, problem solving and reasoning skills. Please continue to support your child learning their number bonds and times tables at home.

### French

The children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills through a range of role-play activities and conversations which will include questions and responses. They will also learn numbers to 31, months of the year and how to describe when their birthday is.

### Autumn Term Trip

We are planning a trip to La Hougue Bie where we will be looking at the Neolithic burial chamber and the tools and artefacts on display. More information to follow.

### Welcome

A warm welcome to Key Stage 2 and Year 3. I am delighted to be teaching your children this year and I am here to help them transition from KS1 to KS2. We have a busy and exciting term planned and we hope you find this newsletter helpful and informative. We would like to thank you for your continued support and are looking forward to working with you and your children.

# Year 3 Termly Newsletter



- Year 3 children will be provided with an iPad Mini 5, please provide your child with a case, in order to keep their school iPad safe.
- English Homework is sent out on Mondays via Google Classroom and is to be submitted by Friday. Maths homework is set on Google Classroom (on Monday) but completed in Maths homework books and handed in by Friday to be discussed in class.
- We encourage children to read for about 10 minutes each day. Please support them in their reading by recording in their reading record.
- Please ensure all children have full uniform that is clearly labelled. Blazers and hats should be worn to and from school. On PE days, full PE kit should be worn to travel to and from school.
- Children also need to bring in a coat on PE days, especially when it is cold. White trainers, football boots, shin pads and a mouthguard are required for the PE lessons.
- A polite reminder that during PE lessons, for health and safety reasons, children must be able to remove their earrings themselves or tape them independently.
- PE days are Monday and Thursday.
- Please remember that we are a nut-free school.

### Creative Curriculum

This term our Creative Curriculum learning takes us to the Stone Age and the Iron Age. We will be looking at the building and role of Stonehenge and Skara Brae. We will also be looking at Stone Age homes, way of life and we will have the opportunity to explore Stone Age tools.

### PE/Games

This term, the children will be developing their games skills and tactics in netball, football and rugby. Please ensure the children have named football boots, shin pads and a gumshield (in a separate bag) as they will need these in order to participate in the lessons.

### Computing

This term in computing, the children will be focusing on appropriate and safe internet research. At all times, the children will be taught about the importance of e-safety. They will also be given their new iPad mini 6 for use in class and our lessons will focus on the skills needed to use them effectively.

### Music

Year 3 children will have their music sessions with Mr Gale, a specialist music teacher. This term the children will continue to develop their musical skills and understanding through singing and listening to a variety of music. They will learn about different rhythms and note values and will also begin to play the recorder.

### Science

In Science we will be exploring 'Rocks and Soils'. The children will be learning about the different types of rocks and how fossils form. They will learn about soil and understand that it is made from rocks and organic matter.

### RE

Our main focus in RE this term is considering how we can be good stewards of God's creation. We will explore the Creation story and discuss different ways we can care for our world. We will focus on Catholic Social Teaching where we will explore the question 'Who is my neighbour?' and how we can respect the rights of all people.

### English

In English, we are studying the text 'Escape from Pompeii' as our first text. The children will be working on their key reading and comprehension skills. Over the coming weeks, we will plan, compose, draft and edit work focussing on including speech in recorded narratives. In our grammar lessons we are consolidating adjectives, adverbs and time conjunctions looking at incorporating their use in our written work. Throughout the course of the year the children will undertake regular 'composition tasks' to help develop their stamina for writing.

### Maths

In the Autumn Term we will be primarily focusing on number skills such as place value and the four operations. The children will develop their fluency and accuracy with these methods, including developing their mental maths skills. Children need to know all the times tables as part of the Year 4 curriculum, so please continue to support your child with their times tables at home.

### Science

This term, our topic will be 'Animals Including Humans'. The children will learn about food chains and consider how different species rely on others for food. They will identify the different types of teeth in humans as well as discuss their functions. The pupils will also learn about the digestive system in humans - considering the importance of keeping healthy.

### Welcome

We are excited to welcome you and your child to the Autumn Term in Year 4 at FCJ. We hope that you find the information in this newsletter helpful and informative. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and share with you some of the things that we will be learning about during this current term. We are looking forward to the fun year ahead and can't wait to get started.

# Year 4 Termly Newsletter



We have outlined below the key points to ensure a successful term ahead:

- Homework is set on Google Classroom on a Monday. English homework is due in by Friday. Please ensure Maths homework is completed in the book provided and handed in on a Friday.
- We encourage children to read for about 10 minutes each day. Please support them in their reading by recording in their reading record regularly.
- Please ensure all children have full uniform that is **clearly labelled**. Blazers and hats should be worn to and from school. On PE days, **full PE kit** should be worn to travel to and from school.
- White trainers are required for all PE sessions, as well as specific equipment for relevant sports. Spare PE kits must be kept in lockers.
- Can we please remind you that children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE lessons for health and safety reasons and must be able to remove them by themselves.
- PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays for both classes.
- As a reminder, we are a nut-free school.

### Creative Curriculum

This term we will be exploring Ancient Rome; considering the achievements of these civilisations and how they impact life today. We will use a variety of historical sources to explore this. We will host a "Roman Day" later on in the term so please look out for news on this shortly.

### Music

In music this term, the children will continue to develop their musical understanding through singing, listening and appraising. They will continue to learn new musical vocabulary as well as further develop their recorder skills.

### Computing

This term, the children will learn how to use the basic functions of Microsoft Excel. They will be collecting and analysing calculations to evaluate and present data collected. At all times, the children will be taught about the importance of e-safety.

### French

In French, we will be teaching the children to develop their speaking and listening skills through a range of role-play activities and conversations. This term we will focus on telling the time, talking about our daily routines and learning the French alphabet.

### PE/Games

This half term we will be focusing on football and netball and next half term will be basketball and tag rugby. Children will need to bring in football boots and shinpads for football and tag rugby but will also require a mouthguard for tag rugby. Please make sure your child knows how to tie their own boot laces.

### RE

Our first topic in RE this term is Creation. Children will be thinking about what it means to be the people of God and live as God wants us. After half term, we will explore the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, with a focus on servant leadership.

### English

We are looking forward to reading a range of texts this term. Children will develop their higher-level reading skills and use the A-P-E structure (answer it, prove it, explain it) to deepen their answers. We will begin by exploring the book 'Riddle of the Runes'. The text will be used as the inspiration for our creative writing. The children will undertake regular 'composition tasks' to help develop their stamina for writing. In Year 5, each pupil will have a grammar e-book where they will record key grammar skills and concepts.

### Maths

Our goal is to ensure all children master the Jersey's primary curriculum in preparation for secondary school. This term our topic areas will be place value, the four operations and fractions. Throughout each lesson, we will develop the skills of fluency, problem-solving and reasoning.

### PE

We will be outside on the field developing our football and rugby skills. Children will need football boots and shin pads for both PE sessions. Gum shields will be required after half term.

### Welcome back!

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 5 at FCJ! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and share with you some of the exciting things that we will be learning about during the next term.

# Year 5 Termly Newsletter



### AOB

We have outlined below key points to ensure a successful term ahead:

- English homework will be set on Monday and due in on Friday morning, submitted via Google Classroom. We also expect your child to read regularly and record in their yellow diary.
- Maths homework tasks will be sent home at the start of the week. There will be four short tasks. These tasks should take around 10 minutes each.
- Spellings and times tables should be practised regularly.
- Please ensure all children have full uniform that is clearly labelled. Blazers and hats should be worn to and from school. On PE days, full PE kit should be worn to travel to and from school.
- White trainers are required for all PE sessions. Plimsolls should be kept in school as they are required on some days. Spare PE kit must be kept in lockers. Coats may be needed for PE during cold weather.
- Children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE lessons for health and safety reasons and must be able to remove them by themselves.
- Year 5 PE days are Wednesday and Thursday for both classes. Art will take place on Mondays and art aprons are required.
- We are a nut-free school.
- Please ensure your child has sufficient water for their day in a named bottle.

### Creative Curriculum

Our lessons will focus on the history of the Vikings as invaders and settlers in the United Kingdom. The children will learn about the Viking culture and life.

### Science

In science we will be exploring materials and their properties, deepening the children's knowledge from Key Stage One. After half term, our topic will be Space.

### Music

This term in music, children will appraise a wide range of musical styles and will enjoy singing and creating body percussion loops. The children will continue to develop their skills playing the recorder. Our music lessons will be on a Tuesday, so please ensure recorders are in school for this lesson.

### Computing

In computing, we are learning about 'Technology in Our Lives'. This unit explores how networks function (including the internet) and communicating online in a safe way.

### French

Our topic is 'All About Me' which focuses on naming body parts, describing feelings. The children will continue developing confidence in written and oral French.

### Trips and Curriculum Days

We will hold a Viking Day in the Autumn Term to celebrate our learning from this topic. We also plan to visit the Jersey Museum to support our history topic. This term we also have our residential trip to Crabbe.

### RE

Our topic in RE this half term is Creation. We will be learning about the Old Testament, with a focus on Moses. After half term, our focus will be on Catholic Social Teaching and how this impacts on our ability to be a good steward.

### English

In English this half term, we will be reading the story 'Street Child' which will link to our Victorian topic. Our focus will be to consider greater depth responses to aspects of comprehension including inference and deduction. In addition to these lessons, we will also continue to focus on different genres during our composition sessions.

### Maths

Our goal is to ensure all children master the Primary Curriculum, showing the ability to problem solve with fluency and reasoning. We will focus on the number system and calculation in the early stages of the term, before moving onto other concepts such as fractions.

### Science

In Science, we will build upon our existing Electricity knowledge. We will start the term investigating ways we can keep ourselves safe when using electrical appliances, then move on to building a range of different series circuits to help us design our own burglar alarm systems.

### PE

This term, our units are football, rugby and netball. For PE lessons, pupils will need boots, a gum shield and shin pads.  
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### Welcome back!

Welcome to the autumn term in year 6 at FCJ! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and share with you some of the exciting things that we will be learning about during the autumn term. We are motivated to make the most of every opportunity during your child's final year at FCJ.

# Year 6 Termly Newsletter



### Additional Information

- English homework will be set on Monday and due in on Friday (through Google Classroom). We also expect your child to read regularly (at least ten minutes per evening) and record this in their reading diary.
- Maths homework tasks will be sent home at the start of the week. There will be four short tasks. These tasks should take around 10 minutes each.
- Our weekly spelling and times tables should be practised throughout the week.
- Please ensure all children have full uniform, which is clearly labelled.
- Blazers and hats should be worn to and from school. On PE days, full PE kit should be worn to travel to and from school.
- White trainers are required for all PE sessions. Plimsolls must also be kept in school. Spare outdoor PE kit must be kept in lockers.
- Children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE lessons for health and safety reasons; if they do wear them to school, they must be able to remove them independently. They will also need to bring in a coat on PE days to wear over their PE tracksuit when it is cold.
- Please ensure your child has sufficient water for their day in a named bottle.
- We are a nut-free school.

### Creative Curriculum

In history, we will be considering the question, 'who was responsible for change during the Victorian era?'. We will also explore the legacy of the Industrial Revolution as a turning point in British history. This will culminate in a celebration of learning in the form of a Victorian-themed day.

### Computing

We look forward to learning about how we use technology in our lives and how to stay safe online. The children will create 3D models using Computer Aided Design software, linking closely to our Victorian topic.

### Music

In music, the children will enjoy composing, appraising, singing and performing with percussion and the recorder. The children will learn about music from films and how to compose their own scores.

### French

The children will be developing their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in French. We will begin the year with revision of key phrases (numbers, greetings, food etc) before moving on to name items of clothing. The children enjoy learning new French songs, including Christmas carols!

### Autumn Events

To commence our learning about the Victorians, we will be having a Victorian day this term. The children will have the opportunity to dress as a Victorian child. More information will follow.