

### Communication & Language

This term we will be promoting language use within the classroom setting by providing rich language opportunities across the curriculum. To support your child in their language development further you can also promote shared discussions at home surrounding their reading book, sharing their Tapestry Journal or your own family activities.

### Phonics

The children are making such excellent progress with their sounds! We are working on consolidating the initial sounds learnt from Phase 2 and introducing our new sounds. In whole class shared reading we will be sharing texts with rhyming words and the story 'Little Red Hen'. We will also be reading 'Winter' themed stories.

### Writing

We will be practising correct letter formation and encouraging the children to 'mark make' including writing their names. We are encouraging the children to use sound mats to find a picture and the corresponding words. Please encourage writing/mark making for different purposes at home especially writing their names.

### RE

Our topic for this term will be 'Revelations' where we will be learning about miracles that Jesus performed including 'The Feeding of the 5000' and 'The Calming of the Storm'. We will be learning how we can share our faith with others at FCJ and how we can be gentle in our actions and words. We will then be learning about Lent and Easter.

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

We are looking forward to another exciting term in Pre-School. The children are eager and enthusiastic to be back at school and we are very much looking forward to sharing the next stage of their learning journey with them.

# Pre-School Newsletter



### Other Important Information

- Please continue to practise name recognition, mark making, counting and number recognition in everyday contexts at home.
- Remember that we play outside every day. If your child brings a scarf, hat, and gloves to school, please ensure that they are navy blue or the school uniform scarf and that they are named.
- Please ensure all children have full uniform that is clearly labelled. Especially water bottles as we want to ensure children are always drinking out of the correct bottles.
- Please check and empty book bags daily as they may contain important information.
- Please remember that we are a **nut free** school.
- Please ensure your child has a spare full school uniform in school in case they need a change of clothing.

### Understanding the World

We will continue to learn about the seasons with a focus on winter. Following this, we are going to be learning about Spring and lifecycles including caterpillars and tadpoles.

### Mathematics

This term we will be continuing to practise number formation and reciting numbers to 10 and beyond. We will also be trying to match numerals and quantities correctly.

### Expressive Arts & Design

This term the children will continue to experiment with music. They will be using the instruments to make their own music. In art we will be exploring art and craft around the theme of 'winter'.

### Physical Development

We will be using our outside area to explore some of the skills we are learning including balancing, jumping, and moving. We will also be using the puddle suits to explore our school field and look for signs of winter.

### Trips

Pre-School hope to visit Jersey Zoo as part of our Spring and lifecycles learn. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday. Please share any celebrations you as a family have with Pre-School via Tapestry.

### Communication & Language

This term we will be promoting language use within the classroom setting by providing rich language opportunities across the curriculum. Our 'Show and Tell' for focus this half term will be favourite places to visit or travel too. We will be asking each child to bring in a picture/postcard or photograph of a place they like to go or would like to visit.

### Reading

The children are making such excellent progress with their reading! We are working on segmenting and blending activities and consolidating the sounds learnt from phase 2 and 3 and introducing new sounds in phase 3. In whole class shared reading we will be sharing texts including 'Lost and Found', 'The Snowman' and 'Snow Lambs' and other popular winter stories.

### Writing

We will be practising correct letter formation and encouraging the children to write independently for different purposes. We are supporting the children to use sound mats to segment and blend words as they are writing. Please encourage writing/mark making for different purposes at home.

### RE

Our topic for this term will be 'Revelations' where we will be learning about miracles that Jesus performed including 'The Feeding of the 5000' and 'The Calming of the Storm'. We will be learning how we can share our faith with others at FCJ and how we can be gentle in our actions and words. We will then be learning about Lent and Easter.

### Welcome to the Spring Term in Reception

We are looking forward to another exciting term in Reception. The children are eager and enthusiastic to be back at school and we are very much looking forward to sharing the next stage of their learning journey with them.

# Reception Termly Newsletter



### Other Important Information

- Reading books will be sent home on a Monday. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for reading at home. **Please remember to record each home reading session in your child's yellow reading diary** – they love to share this with us during our group time.
- We will check phonics/word cards on your child's day - please ensure that these are kept in your child's book bag.
- Please continue to practise subitising, number recognition and addition in everyday contexts at home.
- Don't forget to complete your child's focus child sheet for their when it comes home in the book bag – these are really helpful for us.
- Please check your Tapestry for updates – we share lots of information with you this way and remember to 'like', comment or add to if you have something that you would like to share.
- Remember that we play outside every day. If your child brings a scarf and gloves to school, please ensure that they are navy blue or the school uniform scarf and that they are named.

### Understanding the World

We will continue to learn about the seasons with a focus on winter and bird watching in our outside area. Following this, we are going to be learning about Spring and lifecycles, including caterpillars and tadpoles.

### Mathematics

We will be practising number formation, counting numbers to 20 and addition to 10 and beyond. We will be using Numicon to help the children with addition. We will also be learning about measures, including weight and capacity.

### Expressive Arts & Design

This term, the children will be exploring music. They will be using the instruments to make their own musical compositions. In art, we will be exploring art and craft around the theme of 'winter' by designing and making bobble hats and scarves.

### Physical Development

We will continue to have PE on a Thursday (tracksuit day). We will also be using our outside area to explore some of the skills we are learning including balancing, jumping and moving.

### Spring Term Trip

Reception hope to visit Jersey Zoo, as part of our Spring and lifecycles learning. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday and Mother's Day.

### RE

This term our topic is Revelations. We will learn about various parables and miracles. We will use parables to explore God's love and how we can demonstrate His teachings in our lives.

### English

This term we will introduce the key features of traditional tales, focusing on sentence composition and structure. We will also be reading the story 'Room on the Broom' and looking specifically at the features of instructions. We will continue to practise our phonics daily, as this is a key element of the curriculum.

### Maths

This half term Year 1 will be continuing to explore the operations of addition and subtraction and place value within 20. The children will also be learning how to measure the length, height, mass and capacity of various items.

### Science

Our next unit of study will be called 'Everyday Materials'. We will be exploring and finding out how materials are made. As part of our ongoing studies, we will also look at the current season and observe the change in weather since Autumn.

### PE/Games

In our PE sessions this term we will be developing our gross movement skills such as running, jumping, and skipping.

## Welcome back to the Spring Term and Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to another exciting term in Year 1. The children are re-energised and enthusiastic to be back at school and we are very much looking forward to supporting them through the next stage of their learning journey.

# Year 1 Termly Newsletter



### AOB

- Please ensure all children have full winter uniform that is clearly labelled.
- Weekly reading books will continue to be changed every Monday. Thank you for your support with reading at home. We cannot reiterate enough how important it is for the children to consolidate and review their learning at home. We would ask that you continue to record positive comments in your child's diary when you have listened to them read.
- Please ensure all children have **full uniform** that is clearly labelled. Please ensure that your child has their apron in school.
- Spelling tests on Fridays.
- Please also ensure that pick up is prompt from the end of the day (KS1 3pm) and after school activity clubs (KS1 clubs 4.00 pm/KS2 clubs 4.10 pm).

### Creative Curriculum

This term our topic is 'Wonderful Weather'. We will be learning about the different types of weather, natural disasters, weather dangers, hot and cold countries and Arctic animals.

### Computing

The children are consolidating logging on independently to the computer. As part of our programming topic the children will be using an app called Scratch on the iPads.

### Music

We will continue to develop musical skills through use of percussion instruments and singing. We will also start to learn about different rhythmic values (quavers, crotchets and minims) and will continue to listen to a variety of musical styles.

### French

The children will continue gaining confidence in French speaking and listening through games, songs and role play. They will practise and revise simple greetings to introduce themselves and will learn colours in French. They will also learn a special poem.

### Spring Term Trip

We will be hosting a 'wonderful weather' day. We will be celebrating our learning from our topic this term. The children will have the chance to work in groups to create and present their own weather report.

### RE

We will be spending some time looking at the Miracles of Jesus and the Parables that he told. We will discuss how we can learn so much about Jesus, from the way he responded to those in need around Him.

### English

In preparation for Key Stage Two, the children will begin their composition lessons, where they will experience writing at length. This half term, they will have the opportunity to write non-chronological reports. In SPaG lessons, we will focus on sentence types, contractions and tenses. The children will continue to learn new joins within their handwriting.

### Maths

We will begin this term by focussing on the new topics of multiplication and division. This will involve the children knowing their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. After half term, our maths topic will be measurement, learning to measure length and height as well as volume, time and weight.

### Science

This term, the children will complete their study of 'Habitats' before moving on to our topic of 'Animals, including humans'. They will explore the basic needs of humans for survival and learn the importance of exercise, food and hygiene.

### PE

In our PE sessions, we will be covering dance and gymnastics. We will be performing dances with simple movement patterns. In gymnastics, we will be developing our balance and co-ordination.

### Welcome to 2024

Welcome back to the Spring term. 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 the next term.

# Year 2 Termly Newsletter



### AOB

- **Please ensure all children have full winter uniform that is clearly labelled.**
- Children also need to bring in a coat on tracksuit day, especially while it is cold. White trainers are required for all PE sessions.
- For their art sessions it is essential that all children remember to bring in a labelled apron.
- English or Maths homework will be sent home on Monday and due in on the Friday. Reading books will be given out on a Monday.
- Spellings and Times Tables will be tested on a Friday in class. Please continue to work on the phonics and key words cards.
- Just a gentle reminder to please write/sign in the reading record when you have read with your child at home.
- Please also ensure that pick up is prompt from after school activity clubs. Please note the finishing times (KS1 clubs 4.00pm/ KS2 clubs 4.10pm).
- We are a nut free school.

### Creative Curriculum

This term our topic will be 'Sensational Safari'. This topic will mainly focus on the safari regions in the continent of Africa. We will start our topic by learning about the country of Kenya and the Maasai Mara. The children will learn about the 'Big Five', human and physical features, physical and political maps, the key features of maps and the continent of Africa.

### Computing

This term we will be focusing on coding. We will be using Beebots and the iPads to create and debug simple programs. We will learn what an algorithm is and how we can code technology for a purpose. After half term, the children will create and organise data.

### Music

We will continue learning a variety of songs and exploring the sounds of percussion instruments. This term, we will be focusing on simple written rhythmic notation. We will also be creating our own sounds and symbols to compose and record music based on the landscapes of Jersey.

### French

We will continue practising conversational language through role play, games and rhymes. We will also be revising numbers to 20, colours and learning how to express likes and dislikes. They will then learn the names for pets.

### Spring Term Celebration Day

We will be hosting a 'Sensational Safari Day' to celebrate the learning from our Creative Curriculum topic in which the children will create headbands and jewellery, learn about different African flags and create a map.



### RE

Our new topic in RE this half term is 'Revelation' in which we read about the story of Samuel. First, we read how special his birth was and then we learn about how he was one of the first people to hear God's voice for hundreds of years. After half term we will begin to focus upon Lent and Holy Week.

### English

In English, we are focusing on non-fiction persuasive brochures, based upon famous British landmarks. We will then move onto our poetry units, studying different styles of poem including 'The Magic Box' by Kitt Wright. The pupils will continue to learn poetic devices such as simile, metaphor, alliteration and onomatopoeia.

### Maths

We will continue to cover a full range of mathematical areas this term including: measurement in mass, length, perimeter and capacity. We will also cover multiplication, division and fractions. The children will have opportunities to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills. Please remember to utilise TTRS!

### Science

Our topic this term focuses on 'Animals, Including Humans'. The children will learn about the human body and carry out practical enquiries linked to how the skeleton works. The children will also learn more about the muscles we have in our bodies and how they function.

### PE/Games

Students this term we will be taking part in Cricket and Hockey, learning specific skills and how to play in matches. The children are required to come into school in their P.E. kit as usual. In addition to this, shin pads & gumshields are essential.

### Welcome

Welcome back to the Spring term in Year 3 at FCJ. The children are eager and enthusiastic to be back at school and are looking forward to expanding their learning. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and share with you some of the exciting things that we will be learning during this term.

# Year 3 Termly Newsletter



### AOB

- English and Maths homework is set every Monday on Google Classroom and is due in by Friday.
- Library books are changed on Mondays and class reading books on a Monday. Please ensure that yellow diaries and reading books are in school every day.
- **Please ensure all children have full winter uniform** that is clearly labelled, this includes a navy-blue rucksack and coat. Please ensure that winter accessories are also navy blue e.g. gloves, scarves and coats.
- Girls' skirts need to be A-line in accordance with uniform expectations, not pleated.
- Children must have an apron for their Art sessions on a Friday.
- Children also need to bring in a coat on tracksuit day, especially on cold days. White trainers are required for all P.E. sessions as well as football boots, shin pads and gumshields this term.
- Please ensure that pick up is prompt for both home time and after school clubs (which is 4.10pm).

### Creative Curriculum

Our topic for this term is 'Geography of the British Isles'. Our geography learning will allow the children to use atlases to learn new map skills, identifying and learning about our local and national landmarks. They will also learn about geographical features including rivers and mountains.

### Computing

Year 3 will continue to further their computing skills using a range of technologies through the unit 'Multimedia'. Here we will learn to use green screen technology to make adverts!

### Music

This term the children will continue to develop their musical skills and understanding through singing and recorder playing. Our topic focuses on music that tells a story. The children will enjoy composing and performing music using percussion instruments in response to an animation.

### French

Children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills through a range of role-play activities and conversations; this will include questions and responses. They will begin to write simple sentences in French, using key verbs and simple grammar. Units covered include numbers (extending to 31), revising colours, months and where they live.

### Celebration Days

As part of our learning about the British Isles, we will be celebrating the patron saints' days by taking part in different cultural activities.

St David's Day

St Patrick's Day

St George's Day

(St Andrew's Day takes place later in the year). More information will follow!

### RE - Revelations

We will be reading the stories of the 'Presentation in the Temple' and 'The Transfiguration'. In both stories, we will discuss how God is revealed to us through Jesus and the symbolism of light.

### English

In English, we will study the text of 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We will be working on letter writing, newspaper reports, a setting description as well as enhancing our reading comprehension skills. We will reflect on the text and think about how the characters' feelings and attitudes have changed. We will spend some time consolidating punctuation of speech and looking at other areas of grammar such as subordinate clauses, determiners and prefixes and suffixes.

### Maths

We will continue to cover a full range of mathematical areas this term including perimeter, area, multiplication, division and fractions. The children will have opportunities to continue to practise their times tables, mainly dividing, as it will support them in their lessons. Within these areas we will develop mathematical fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

### Science

Throughout this half term we will be studying the 'States of Matter' topic where we will continue to develop our scientific enquiry skills by undertaking experiments and planning fair tests. We will also study the water cycle to see the transformation process and learn key vocabulary. During the second part of this term we will look closely at 'Animals and their Habitats'. We will be investigating how environments can change and the dangers this poses to them.

### Welcome

Welcome back to FCJ for our exciting Spring Term. 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 over the course of the term.

# Year 4 Termly Newsletter



### AOB

- **Please ensure all children have full winter uniform** that is clearly labelled, this includes a navy-blue rucksack. Please ensure that winter accessories are also navy blue e.g. gloves and scarves. Girls' skirts need to be A-line in accordance with uniform expectations, not pleated.
- Children also need to bring in a coat on tracksuit day, especially while it is cold.
- **White** trainers are required alongside their full PE tracksuits on PE days. Please ensure your child has a gum guard and shin pads for each lesson. Without this equipment they will be unable to partake in the activities.
- Please note that all Key Stage 2 clubs finish at **4.10pm**. We would ask that pick up is prompt every day after school or after the activity clubs.
- **Just a gentle reminder to please write/sign in the reading record when you have read with your child at home.**
- Homework will continue to be set on a Monday via Google Classroom. Spellings will be set on a Monday and tested on a Friday.
- More information will follow shortly regarding Excellent Explorer Day.

### Creative Curriculum

This term our topics are 'Excellent Explorers' and 'South America'. We will be focusing on the different skills of the Geography curriculum including: co-ordinates, map reading and the location of countries with regards to the equator.

### Computing

In our Computing coding lessons the children will be learning about different algorithms as well as how to correct and detect any errors in the program they are working on. Throughout the sessions the children will be reminded of the importance of E-safety.

### Music

Year 4 will continue to develop their musical understanding through singing and recorder playing. This term we will focus on 'Samba'. We will learn about the instruments and rhythms used, how they are notated and will compose and perform our own Samba band music.

### French

Children will continue to develop their speaking and listening skills through a range of role-play activities and conversations - this will include questions and responses. This term we will focus on: daily routines and places in my town.

### Excellent Explorers Day

We will host an 'Excellent Explorers' day' where the children will develop their mapwork skills.

### PE/Games

This term will be Hockey and gymnastics. The children will use skills such as teamwork, communication and tactics to develop their understanding of team sports. **Due to health and safety requirements, the children must wear their gum shields and shin pads** in all Hockey lessons.

## RE

Our topic in RE this half term is Revelation. We are exploring the Baptism of Jesus and reflecting upon why it was so important. After half term we will begin to focus on developing our knowledge of Lent and Holy Week.

## English

Pupils will be developing their higher-level reading comprehension skills around the text 'Cosmic'. They will learn how to use parentheses and adverbial phrases in various writing pieces. We will be developing our spelling by focusing on specific Year 5 spelling rules. In composition, we will develop our writing by using the Writing Rainbow Lenses.

## Maths

We will continue to cover a full range of mathematical areas this term. Our goal is to ensure all children master the Primary Curriculum showing the ability to problem solve with fluency and reasoning. Topic areas include perimeter and area, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages.

## Science

To start this term, we will be continuing our topic of Space. We will make a diary, looking at phases of the Moon and explore different time zones. Our second topic will be 'Forces' and this will begin later in the term.

## PE

PE days for both classes will continue to be Wednesday and Thursday. Year 5 will be developing their gymnastic skills through movement and balance and playing invasion games. **Gums shields are required for hockey.**

## Welcome back!

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

# Year 5 Termly Newsletter



## AOB

- All children require their own stationary / equipment in a named pencil case (including a glue and scissors). Please ensure this is checked and replenished regularly.
- **Please ensure all children have full winter uniform that is clearly labelled.** Girls' skirts need to be A-line in accordance with uniform expectations, not pleated.
- PE Days - 5P – Wednesday (Hockey, Thursday Invasion Games)
- PE Days – 5T – Wednesday (Gymnastics, Thursday Hockey)
- Please make sure that your child has a gum guard for hockey to ensure your child is safe in the lesson. If they do not bring a gum guard, they will not be allowed to take part in the lesson.
- 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. Spellings should also be practised. It is important that the children re-visit the spelling words on their English cards, in order to work towards their badges.
- Maths homework tasks will be sent home at the start of the week. There will be four short tasks. Please ensure that your child continues to work on their tables on Times Tables Rock Stars. This will help children work towards the various maths badges.

## Creative Curriculum

This term our Geography topic will focus on 'Marvellous Mountains.' We will identify the main mountains across the world on different maps. We will explore mountainous regions by using maps, globes, digital computer mapping and atlases. The children will learn the different types of mountains and their key features.

## Computing

This term our focus is considering how to be a responsible digital citizen. We will be learning how to use search technologies safely and effectively and be discerning in evaluating digital content. We will then focus on coding and programming, using Scratch to design and debug algorithms. The children will have the opportunity to programme Sphero robots.

## Music

Year 5 continue to have their music lessons on a Tuesday. We will learn new songs and continue developing recorder skills. We will also compose and perform loops and remixes using body percussion and digital instruments.

## French

We will learn how to describe our features in French and new vocabulary linked to emotions. We will also enjoy a doctor themed role-play. We will continue gaining confidence in writing in French through dictated sentences and responding to questions.

## Curriculum Days

This term we will hold a special science day to celebrate our Space topic! More details in due course. We are also looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

### RE

Our topic in RE this half term is Revelations. We will be examining the story of God's revelation to St Paul. After half term, we will begin to focus on Lent and Holy Week.

### English

This term, we will be learning to write non-fiction texts linking to our history and geography learning. These include biographies and non-chronological reports. A poetry unit will follow, exploring the use of metaphor and personification within poems. After half term, we will study Macbeth and the pupils will write arguments about who was to blame for his death.

### Maths

We will continue our focus on the three areas of maths: fluency; reasoning and problem solving. Firstly, we will focus on decimals, fractions and percentages. After half term, we will then be moving on to position and movement (involving coordinates) and measurement. On Fridays, we will complete our ten minute 'Big Maths' challenge, revising key concepts from across the curriculum.

### Science

In Science, we will complete our learning about light and how we see. We will then commence our study on 'Animals including humans' focusing in particular on the human circulatory system and the importance of exercise. After half term, we will learn about classification through the study of 'living things and their habitats'.

### Spring Term Trip

This term we hope to visit the Jersey Electricity Power Station to link with our learning about electricity. More information will follow soon.

### Welcome back!

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the Spring Term in Year 6. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and share with you some of the exciting things that we will be learning about during this term.

# Year 6 Termly Newsletter



### AOB

- Please ensure all children have full winter uniform that is clearly labelled. This includes a navy-blue rucksack. Please ensure that winter accessories are also navy blue e.g. gloves and scarves.
- Girls' skirts need to be A-line in accordance with uniform expectations, not pleated.
- White trainers are required alongside PE tracksuits on PE days.
- All children require their own stationery / equipment in a named pencil case (including a glue and scissors).
- English homework will be set on Monday and due in on Friday via Google Classroom. Maths homework is comprised of four smaller tasks, which can be completed each day, but feedback on these will be given on Friday. Maths tasks are to be completed in the maths homework book.
- We also expect your child to read regularly and update their reading diaries. We recommend completing one to two reading journal tasks each week. Copies of these tasks are available on Google Classroom.
- Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) is recommended alongside mathematics homework in order to support fluency with times tables.
- Please ensure that pick up is prompt for both home time and after school clubs.
- We are a nut-free school.

### Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'natural disasters'. In this geography-based topic we will be looking at the prevalence of different natural disasters around the world, why they occur and the effect that they have on humans.

### P.E.

This term, Year 6 will be developing their circuit confidence through a range of high intensity workouts. The outdoor sessions will focus on hockey; all children will require a **gum shield**. After half term, the learning will be invasion games and gymnastics, where children will learn a range of balances and sequences.

### Computing

In computing this half term, we will develop our multimedia skills through creating both green screen and stop frame animation videos. After half term, we will use Microbit computers to learn new coding and programming skills.

### Music

This term, we will continue developing our recorder skills and will be exploring Film Music. We will describe a variety of genres using musical vocabulary and enjoy composing and performing music for a well-known film using graphic notation.

### French

In French this term, we will continue gaining confidence in conversational French through role play. Our focus will be on 'shopping' and will include vocabulary linked to clothes, food, drink and money. We will also continue practising our reading and writing skills and have a special treat planned!