

# Les Landes School

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Year 5

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and that your child is feeling relaxed and ready for the Autumn Term. Please find below the information that may be of use for this term. As it is not possible to do a 'Meet the Teacher' session, there is extra information here, but if there is anything further you want clarified, please ask!

During the first few weeks, I will be spending time getting to know the class and establishing expectations. We will write our 'Class Charter' together and we will discuss behaviour expectations for the coming year. This links to the 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,' so that children can become more familiar with their rights and of what they can do to ensure that others enjoy theirs.

## **English**

Throughout the first half term we will be looking at the picture book 'Journey' and writing an informal letter focusing on expanded noun phrases and punctuation including full stops and commas.

We will then be looking at the story 'The Street Child' which links to our history topic – The Victorians. Throughout this text we will be focusing on a range of reading skills and writing narratives, persuasive speeches and biographies. Throughout these units we will also develop our skills in spoken language, comprehension and grammar.

Spellings will be set weekly each Monday and will be tested on a Friday. Each week will have a different focus and will reflect the spelling rule that children have been learning that week in class. Please support your child with practising these regularly.

We will continue to work on handwriting throughout Year 5, aiming to achieve a pen licence once children are confident in all joins, use punctuation correctly and have consistent sized letters, with clear ascenders and descenders.

## **Maths**

In Maths this term, we will be looking at the following: place value, addition and subtraction, statistics, multiplication and division and perimeter and area.

The children will continue to secure their times tables using 'Times Tables Rock Stars', they will be able to access this at home. Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice with a rock star theme. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practiced every third week or so. We will be doing weekly times tables tests in school to support and consolidate this learning.

## **Computing**

This term, our Computing work will focus on the programmes 'Scratch' and 'Audacity', in which children will create games, jingles and sounds.

At all times, children are expected to follow the 'Acceptable Use Policy' which is displayed clearly in the classroom and in the ICT suite. We will revisit it at the start of this term as well.

## **Other Subjects**

Our topic this term is history based and is 'The Victorians'. We will learn about Queen Victoria and her life as Queen, the significant events that took place during the Victorian era, about great inventions and we will be investigating the similarities and differences to life today. We will also be looking at the artist 'William Morris' and we will be trying out different designs and prints in a similar style to his.

In Science this term we will be learning about 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. Within this unit, we will revise the three states of matter (solid, liquid and gas) and the properties of materials. We will learn about solubility and thermal conductivity and we will look to separate materials using a range of methods. We will learn that some changes are reversible, such as separating water and salt, and some are irreversible, such as baking a cake.

PE for Year 5 children will take place on a **Monday and Friday** this term. On PE days children need to come to school wearing their PE kit. This is a navy blue polo shirt, navy blue shorts, white or black socks and white trainers. Children may choose to wear their tracksuit over the top. This year the children are not required to have field trainers.

As you already know, Jersey Sport are running **Bikeability** sessions for Year 5 this term. For this, the children will need to have a bike in good working order and a helmet. The children should also wear PE kit on the day they take part in this programme.

## **Homework**

**Reading:** Please encourage your child to read at home every day for **15 minutes**. This can be their school library book or a book of their choice from home. Please record this with a **signature** from an adult in their Reading Record to acknowledge that you have heard/seen them read. Your child will need to complete a **reading activity every two weeks** and reading records will be checked on this day. The tasks are stuck in the front of their Reading Record and should be completed in them. The short activity is designed to take just 20minutes and should be done every other week. I have explained this to the children and they have seen an example!

**Spellings:** Please support your child with learning their weekly spellings. Spellings will be set on a Monday and tested on a Friday.

**Maths:** Times Tables Rock Stars should be accessed at home as part of your child's homework at least three times per week. There is a free app which can be downloaded or a laptop or PC can be used. Rapid recall of times tables could also be encouraged at home. This could include singing them in the car or quick fire questions!

Please ensure spelling books and reading records are in school each day – please support your child to be organised with these.

## **Additional Information**

**Pencil Cases** – In Year 5 it is a privilege to be allowed to bring in a pencil case to use in class. The children will be reminded that they must use only their own equipment and not share it with others. The essential equipment for a pencil case would be: handwriting/fountain pen (when pen licence has been given and/or ink eraser/eraser rubber), HB pencils, coloured pencils, pencil sharpener, highlighters, rubber, 30cm ruler and a green biro pen. Your child may also want to have a pritt-stick and a couple of different coloured pens in their pencil case, but these are not essential.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – Trip to Jersey Museum. We will be leaving school at 9:30 and returning by lunch time. We will be travelling by coach. If you would like to come with us on this trip, please let me know.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – Victorian Day (more information will be sent closer to the time!)

### **Positive Behaviour**

In line with the school's positive behaviour policy, we will be rewarding the children for demonstrating the school values. Once achieving different milestones, the children will receive a reward. They will come home with a sticker so they can celebrate their success with you!

I hope that you have found the above information useful. Please do not hesitate to email me if you have any queries or questions throughout the term. I am really looking forward to getting to know all the Year 5 families this year.

Kind Regards,

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