



'Une petite êkole duve d'grans ambisions'

Quote of the Week

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.
— Edith Lovejoy Pierce

News from Sark School - 17/1/25

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy New Year. As we embark on a new term, I am excited to share some thrilling changes and initiatives we are introducing at our school that will enrich your child's learning experience.

Firstly, we are delighted to launch our "Reading Buddies" programme, commencing this term. Every Friday afternoon, children will have the opportunity to pair up with a reading buddy from a different class. This initiative will not only foster a love for reading but also enhance their confidence in reading aloud, which is vital for developing literacy skills. We believe that sharing stories and discussing texts with peers can have a remarkable impact on their learning journey.

Additionally, I am pleased to inform you that all classes will now participate in PE lessons every Friday afternoon. Older learners will enjoy their sessions in the community hall, while our younger learners will utilise the school hall. Physical education is crucial for promoting a healthy lifestyle, teamwork, and discipline, and we are eager to see the benefits unfold.

We have also been delighted with the introduction of our first after school club. The new sign up system makes both wrap around care and our new after school club a lot easier to manage. We would like to thank Kiarra and Nat for supporting us with the badminton club this half term.

Before the half-term break, we will be sending out a new questionnaire. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to share your thoughts and opinions as a parent. Your feedback is invaluable to us and helps shape our curriculum and initiatives. Furthermore, the latest email has offered a fantastic chance for you to express your interest in becoming a member of the Board of Governors, where your voice can contribute to important decisions affecting our school community.

On a final exciting and positive note, Sark School were the recipients of 15 pairs of brand new Sony headphones this week, donated by JT through their Community Giving programme. The new headphones mean that all the Class 3 children now have their *own* pair to use for enhancing a variety of topics from music technology projects to watching educational documentaries and listening to articles. We are very grateful for JT's support and generosity. We are also grateful to Pippa Donovan for helping to organise this.

Best wishes,

Michelle Brady



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



This week's certificate winners.

Class 1

We are excited to share some delightful activities we have planned for the children, all centred around the story of Little Red, a twist on the tale of 'Little Red Riding Hood.' As part of our exploration of storytelling and creativity, we have been dressing up and acting out different scenes from the story. This imaginative play not only brings the narrative to life but also encourages teamwork, confidence, and communication skills among the children.

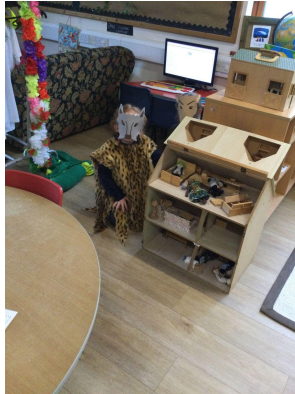
As well as the acting, we have also had fun creating our very own 'Blueberry Shake'! This activity allowed the children to engage in sensory play. They explored the process of mixing ingredients,

which links beautifully to our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) goals, such as understanding the world around us and developing their physical skills.

Next week we will give the children the opportunity to write their own stories inspired by 'Little Blue.' This creative writing exercise will encourage them to express their thoughts and ideas, fostering a love for storytelling and literacy.

We have also been looking at different materials and grouping them together. This is the starting point to our work on building houses for the three little pigs.

We are having fun exploring lots of different fairy tales!



Class 2

Class 2 has been sorting materials inside before heading out into the wild and hunting for different objects and discussing their properties in Science. We have used materials in Art too, selecting materials and creating mini collages in preparation for our big one at the end of the half term! Talking of out in the wild, the little Minpins have been predicting what monsters are over the wall, as we venture into the woods for our latest class Literacy book!

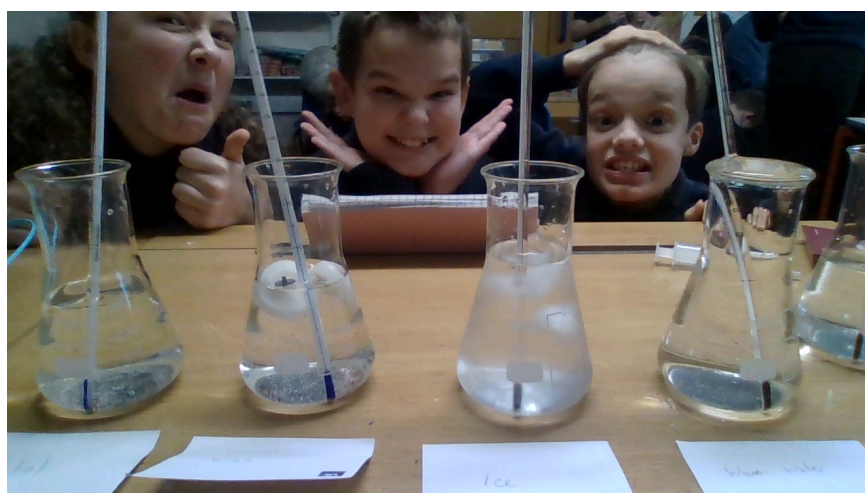
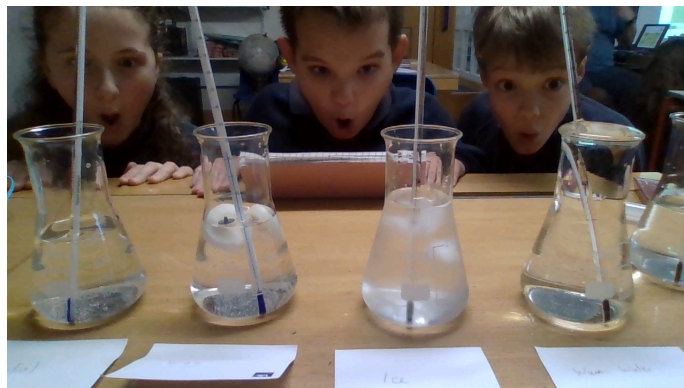
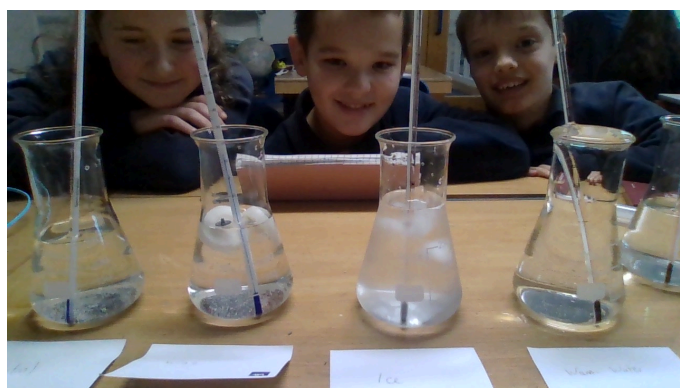
We are preparing for more outdoor adventures by sketching our local area and planning some routes in our magical mapping topic in Geography. We've packed our cases and checked in at the *Hotel Flamingo* through our class reader, but things aren't looking too rosy, can the latest new manager (with the help of Class 2) turn things around??

In PSHE we have started to look at how different medicines and household products can be harmful or helpful to make sure we keep safe at home and school. Over in Maths it's all about the money for year 2 who are getting to grips with pounds and pennies in preparation for opening a Class 2 tuck shop! In Year 4 we have been looking at factor pairs and multiplying by 10, 100, 1000.



Class 3

Welcome back to everyone, and we have had a fine start to the year in Class 3. Our new topics of learning are posted onto Class Dojo, so we would welcome you discussing with your children what they are learning. If their answer to the question, "What have you been doing at school today?" is "Err, nothing/don't remember..." (Yes, I remember being a parent to young children- it's always "a little less conversation")- then there are a few prompts there. So in the last few weeks, children have done two Science experiments/investigations (either electricity or energy based), researched Victorian history, written underwater descriptions, learnt piano skills, grappled with fractions, multiplication and division- and that's just off the top of my head. They children have worked very hard and have, on the whole, had a good start to the term- just remind them now and again to keep up with home reading as it is the most important homework- and life skill they can do. Happy new year, everyone.



A few dates	
Saturday 25th January	Jumble sale raising money for Sark School Funds
Monday 10th February	Open Morning 8:30-10am
Friday 21st February	Finish for half term
Monday 3rd March	Back to school

Wednesday 5th March	Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)
Wednesday 12th March	Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)
Wednesday 19th March	Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)
Wednesday 26th March	Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)
Thursday 27th March	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 2nd April	Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)
Wednesday 9th April	Hockey (Guernsey Sports Commission)
Tuesday 15th April	Term ends 12 pm

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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 You