



## Quote of the Week

If a year was tucked inside of a clock, then autumn would be the magic hour –  
Victoria Erickson

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### News from Sark School - 20/9/2024

Welcome Back everyone,

We are now well and truly settled back into our school routine. Some of us have moved classes and have new teachers which has been very exciting, especially if you have moved upstairs for the first time! We have all been really impressed with the way that everyone has adapted to a new school year so quickly.

Last Friday we were very lucky to have Laura Simpson from the Guernsey Police come and visit. She is the Digital Safety Development Officer and has visited many schools talking about internet safety. Whilst on the island she has also been able to talk to our constables making for a very full visit.

Whilst at school Laura visited every class to discuss internet safety at an age appropriate level. She also held an assembly, parent talk and teacher training. It was great to have her visit us at Sark school and hope that this is a partnership that will continue going forward.

There has been a lot of discussion around Enrichment recently. In September 2019, the educational watchdog, OFSTED, created a new inspection framework that requires schools to develop their students' cultural capital. The framework further reflects on 'Personal Development' and how schools support children to learn skills and realise talents, develop character and resilience, and learn about British values, diversity and mental health & well-being. As we will be following OFSTED criteria as we develop our Sark Inspection Framework it is of importance to us to give our learners the best opportunities.

As a school, we place a high value in the lessons our students learn outside of the classroom – this should be reflected in the rich diversity of our enrichment offer, which all students are able to access as part of their school day. There is no question that enrichment is a vital part of our learners' education however it is when and how we provide that which is now being discussed. Thank you if you have completed the questionnaire that has been sent out and we look forward to hearing your opinions if you have not yet done so. This is a whole school community decision and we can make a big difference moving forward together.

All the Best,

Michelle Brady



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

### Class 1

Class 1 have enjoyed the book *Peace on Earth* and have enjoyed making a Peace Emporium in our class, a shop to buy love, stars and seeds! This is a book that has been studied by the whole school and a range of work has been produced by each class. We have also begun our new book *Look Up* and the children are enjoying having a space station in the classroom.

Work has begun in earnest and Phonics sessions are now well embedded. Please remember you can find all resources here

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>. We continue on our White Rose Maths journey and please find a link for some parent resources for our year 1 pupils <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>





## Class 2

We have moved onto our inspirational new book **'We are the Water Protectors'** in Literacy which has inspired many creative ideas in our water poems, environmental thinking through our placard signs and sound information writing in our water creatures research and write ups. Water creatures have also inspired our **balancing** moves in PE gymnastics. In Science we are exploring **seasonal changes** and are starting to predict, measure and capture data on our local weather. Both our water book and seasons topic, as well as our current guided reading book **'The Magic and Mystery of Trees'** have inspired some colourful nature based prints in Art lessons. We are exploring further afield over in Geography as we travel to the **7 continents** and start to look at climates around the world. In Maths both year 2 and year 4 are working super hard in their start of term **place value** topics, with year 2 focusing on numbers to 100 and year 4 up to 1000. In PSHE I have been impressed by some very responsible conversations on what makes a **good friend and bullying** and in RE we have been thinking about the similarities and differences to **rules** through different religions. Alongside all of this, Class 2 have been **getting to know** each other in French with Mrs Turner and exploring **rhythms** in Music with Mr Smith.



## Class 3

Hello and welcome to a new term from Class 3. In English, we have been exploring the epic tale of The Odyssey by Homer. The students are fascinated by the adventures of Odysseus as he journeys home from the Trojan War. We have been discussing the themes of bravery, loyalty, and perseverance, and the children will then be enjoying creating their own stories inspired by Odysseus's adventures. Our Science lessons have been all about the states and properties of matter. The students have learned about solids, liquids, gases, and even plasma! They conducted experiments to see how matter changes from one state to another, and how to conduct a scratch test. These hands-on activities have helped them understand the properties and behaviours of different

states of matter. In History, we have been diving into the fascinating world of the Tudors. The children have learned about the reigns of Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, and other Tudor monarchs. They have been particularly interested in the dramatic events of the Tudor period, including the establishment of the Church of England and the exploration of new lands. The students even created their own Tudor family trees and portraits. I am proud of the enthusiasm and curiosity our students have shown in their studies.

## **Enrichment**

Enrichment this half term will be as follows;

**Mondays** - 2:30-4:30 Coding Steve and Mr Smith

**Wednesdays** -2:30-4:30 Forest School Miss Swanson and Mrs Turner

<b>A few dates</b>	
<b>21st September</b>	<b>Jumble Sale</b>
<b>27th September</b>	<b>His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's visit Autumn Fair 2:30</b>
<b>10th October</b>	<b>Parent's Evening</b>
<b>21st October - 1st November</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>13th December</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>
<b>18th December</b>	<b>Nativity</b>
<b>19th December</b>	<b>School Christmas Party</b>
<b>20th December</b>	<b>Term ends 12pm</b>

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To arrange a meeting with the Head of School, please email [office@sarkschool.co.uk](mailto:office@sarkschool.co.uk).

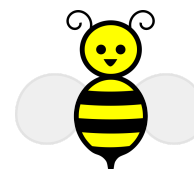
Alternatively, please feel free to drop-in to School any day between 8.00am and 8.15am



**Be Kind**



**Be Curious**



**Be You**