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The Five Islands Academy is an all-age, multi-site, Church of England Academy, serving the island communities of Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's, St Mary's and Treco. It is part of the Leading Edge Academies Partnership.

Tuesday 6th January 2026

SPRING Term - LIFEBOATS

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you all back to the start of an exciting and busy term ahead. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, wherever you were, and you managed to spend lots of time with friends and family.

Below is an outline of what to expect this term and some key information for the term ahead. This is an important term in the run up to SATS and we will be working hard to ensure that they are as well prepared as they can be for May.

What your child needs to bring to school:

As the weather improves and we move into Spring we may choose to take our learning outside the school and around St. Mary's, for example, to the nature reserve or the beach. Please make sure that your child is always wearing appropriate shoes and is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. I will of course post all information about specific trips and outings on Seesaw.

All the stationery that children need is here in school; they do not need to bring in their own pencil case. PE continues to be on a Monday and Friday so please ensure the children have their PE kits on these days. Children with long hair must bring a hair band to tie it back, for health and safety reasons, and all jewellery must be removed. **Please remember that each Friday this term one group of children are swimming so please ensure they bring their swimming kits in on a Friday. I will post reminders on Seesaw to the relevant children.**

Maths:

Our key learning focus for this term will continue to be number. Children will consolidate both mental and written strategies. We will also be focusing on the following areas:

- Fractions, including converting fractions as well as addition, subtraction and multiplication of fractions
- Converting between fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Statistics



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- Ratio
- Algebra

It is important that your child revisits their learning at home especially mental arithmetic skills, including times tables. To help with this, children can continue to access Times Table Rock Stars at home.

English

The class books for this term will include 'The Varmints', 'Paradise Sands and 'The Weather Weaver' - the children will use these books to support their writing where the focus will be to further develop their writing skills - particularly focusing on writing at length, adapting their writing for purpose and ensuring they are using the full range of grammar and punctuation for Year 6. The children will continue to learn spellings for 10 minutes every day, revisiting spelling rules and patterns to make sure they are embedded. Spellings will continue to be sent home in their spelling books and also set on Spelling Shed - I would strongly encourage the children to be practising their spellings at home as much as they can.

Topic

How can we change /improve our World?

In this unit, the children will consider if we are damaging our world and how we can protect it. The children will investigate energy production, the oceans and minerals, as well as conducting an enquiry into how the school can become more sustainable. They will explore how we can live sustainably and the challenges the world faces as it moves towards sustainability and away from damaging fossil fuels.

What did the Greeks do for us?

In this topic the children will learn about the political, social and cultural aspects of Greek life - looking at government, education, religion and the importance of sport and the Olympic Games. The children will look at the legacy of the Greeks and the influences they had on the wider world and future civilisations.

Home learning

Please can I ask that the children are regularly reading at home as well as practising their spellings, timetables and completing the home learning tasks that will continue to be set every Monday over the course of this term. I will keep you up to date with these on Seesaw.

Communication

I am very much looking forward to the term ahead and I hope that it is a successful and enjoyable one for all the children in Lifeboats.

Please remember you can contact me at adamjewell@fiveislands.org or, alternatively, please catch me after school. I will be using Seesaw to send out relevant information and reminders to parents, so please do keep an eye out. All important school information will be sent out via the school email.

I look forward to continuing to work with the children and yourselves this term.

Yours faithfully

Adam Jewell and Moira Graham

Year 6 team