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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 Treasco. It is part of the Leading Edge Academies Partnership.

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Redwings Class Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents,

After a lovely Christmas break, we are ready to hit the ground running! Below I am highlighting the usual logistical information, as well as a breakdown of the curriculum content we will be covering in school. Please use this information to support and discuss your child's learning with them at home. As always, I will update you on any changes and news via Seesaw and email.

School Day

Each morning will include Phonics, English and Maths, whilst in the afternoons we focus on foundation subjects such as P.E. and Science. Our learning content will always be flexible depending on the children's needs and progress.

We are also timetabled in for Religion and World Views, French and Music each week. We have PE on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Reading and Phonics

We have laid strong foundations in the Autumn term and the children are ready to continue building fluency, confidence and independence in their reading. Year 1s are continuing with Phonics whilst Year 2s incorporate a short Phonics session into their English lessons.

Your child is sent home with their Reading Diary and an appropriate reading book. Please prioritise reading at home each day and continue to review their sound books with them. Each time they read at home they will get a star stamp inside their Reading Diary. When their sticker chart is full, they can choose a prize from the box of surprises! If you have any questions about your child's reading or phonics, please just get in touch.

All aboard! Navigating together

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Spring Term 1 – History Topic

Photographs from history: what can they tell us about Britain's recent past?

This half term, our topic will focus on using historical photographs to explore changes in Britain over the last century. The children will learn to ask and answer questions about the past, make comparisons between old and new, and understand how photographs can act as evidence to help us find out about people's lives, technology, homes and significant events.

Spring Term 2 – Geography Topic

Journeys: Where does our food come from?

This topic links the everyday experience of buying and eating food within the UK with the children's growing geographical understanding of the world. We will do a lot of local area study - visiting a local shop and farm! This will begin to show the class the connections between what we buy, where it comes from locally and how it might be able to be sourced from the UK (and beyond).

Maths

Please follow the link below to see the White Rose schemes of learning for your child. We are completing the Spring Term unit blocks for Year 1 and Year 2.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths>

Science

Spring Term 1 – Uses of Everyday Materials

This half term, the children will explore the properties of everyday materials and investigate why certain materials are chosen for particular purposes. They will carry out simple tests, compare suitability, and begin to recognise how materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Spring Term 2 – Living Things & Habitats

In the second half term, we will learn about different habitats and the living things that depend on them. Children will explore how animals and plants are suited to their environments, learn about food chains, and investigate microhabitats in our school grounds.

P.E.

Redwings Class will have PE on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please ensure children come to school in their PE kits and bring a coat in case it is needed at lunchtime. Long hair must be tied back.

Art

In Art this term we are focusing on two units:

Spring 1 - Architecture:

Children will explore what architecture means and how buildings are designed. They will learn to think like architects by observing and drawing buildings, then apply their understanding to construct models, considering shape, form, colour and perspective. This unit helps children appreciate how design decisions shape the spaces where we live and learn.

Spring 2 - Expressive Painting:

In this unit, children experiment with expressive and gestural paint marks to convey ideas, mood and energy. They will mix and explore colour, consider how paint behaves on different surfaces, and produce paintings that reflect their own creative responses. This work draws on observational skills as well as imagination.

PSHE

We will be following these Jigsaw units:

Spring 1 – Dreams and Goals

Children will learn about ambition, working towards challenges, and celebrating success.

Spring 2 – Healthy Me

We will explore physical and emotional health, safety, and making positive choices.

Computing

Spring 1 – Programming: Moving a Robot

The children will learn how to give precise instructions and control a device through simple programming sequences.

Spring 2 – Data and Information: Grouping Data

The children will explore how information can be organised, grouped and represented to help us make sense of it.

Contact and Communication

We have a great Spring Term ahead with the children! I will share your child's learning on Seesaw which can help you support and encourage them at home. As always, thank you for your continued support towards your child's education.

If you ever have any questions about your child's education or wellbeing, or queries about school logistics, please do email me at timbarrass@fiveislands.org or message me on Seesaw. Any essential information will be sent via Parentmail as well as Seesaw, and there will also be weekly updates in the school Newsletter.

Yours faithfully

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