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Equity, Excellence, Evolution

*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.*

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Tresco & Bryher Base - Welcome Back for the Spring Term!

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the break and we hope you all had lots of fun during the Christmas. It has been great to catch up with the children this week and we are excited for a fresh term with plenty of learning ahead.

Curriculum

Maths

In Maths, Reception will be focusing on learning numbers 6 to 10. This slow progression through the numbers really helps to develop a secure understanding of number which is essential for future Maths success. In addition to this, they will be learning about measures and 3D shapes.

Year 2 will also be looking at measures as well as money and multiplication and division.

Year 4 we will be looking at multiplication and Division. Year 5 will also be looking at multiplication and division then moving onto fractions. Our Year 6 focus this half term is also fractions and converting units, then ratio and algebra.

Literacy

This term Reception and Year 1 will continue with our Phonics. Reception will begin learning Set 2 sounds and Year 1 will focus on ensuring set 3 are secure as well as focusing on reading and spelling red words.

All aboard! Navigating together

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For KS2, in English, our texts this term will be the Poems from and Blue and Green World, Song of the River, Wild Way Home and How to Wash a Woolley Mammoth. We will be doing some report writing, poetry, story writing, and a bit more instructions, it is going to be a jam-packed term. We will be focusing on our world and the Iron Age to link with our Topic work.

Topic and Foundation

In Geography KS2 we will be looking at "our world" and all its wonders. We'll be exploring continents, rivers and the 7 wonders, whilst in History we will journey back in time to the Iron and Bronze Age. Science will have us looking at Seasonal Changes from Winter into Spring and materials (EY/KS1) and States of Matter and the digestive system (KS2).

Reception and Year 1 will be thinking about 'Our Wonderful World' including finding out about the world's continents and oceans, rivers and mountains, asking how maps can help us understand the different parts of our world. In History we will look at photographs from history and what they can tell us about Britain's recent past. We will link this to historical photographs from Tresco and Bryher.

Reading & Homework

We will be re-checking reading levels over the next week or so. Thank you for everything you do to support reading at home. We know how busy home life is and your efforts really do have an impact on your child's progress.

Year 6 parents, we will be sending a few bits home for SATs prep this term to get in some extra practice.

Collaboration Day

Collaboration Day will continue for all year groups each Friday. A reminder to please make doubly sure that everything your child takes over is named - especially water bottles/lunch boxes, coats and all parts of PE kit!

Our door is always open

Please do let us know by phone, email or in person if you'd like to talk through anything or if you have any questions. Weekly newsletters will also share key updates - and photos from our week! We will also continue to send our weekly message on Seesaw with info about the upcoming week.

Thank you again for your support, and here's to a brilliant Spring Term 2026!

Yours faithfully,

Abi Meaton and Kerry Hulands
Tresco & Bryher Base Team