

MONT A L'ABBE SCHOOL



Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

24th October 2025

HALF TERM HAS ARRIVED!

This term has been filled with rich learning experiences across all age groups, reminding us of the joy of discovery and the importance of connection and community.

At Primary site we have been exploring identity with Elmer by David McKee. Our younges learners have been diving into the colourful story of the patchwork elephant, celebrating what makes each of us unique. Through storytelling, sensory play, sentence building and lots of work on communication using Grid, we have enjoyed learning that our differences are what make us special and the world is a beautiful, colourful place. At Secondary & L'Étacq, we have been understanding 'Who?' through The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling. Our older learners have been exploring the text through building character studies, 5 sentence stories, drama, and creative sessions.

Across the school, our Maths for Life curriculum has been helping learners continue to develop early maths concepts in engaging and practical ways. From counting games to problem-solving challenges, learners are building confidence and skills that will support them throughout their education.

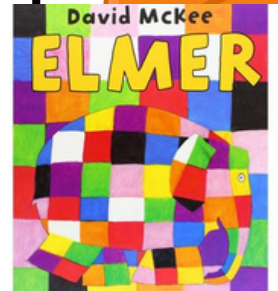
💙💛 One of the most touching moments this term was our school-wide celebration in memory of Kason, who sadly passed away this time last year. Learners and staff wore blue and yellow—like his favourite characters the Minions!—as a tribute to him and the joy he brought to our community. It was a moving day filled with love, reflection, and unity.



We have also been busy this term fundraising for our new school playground. This is the first stepping stone towards our new school build and is a very exciting project. We are the chosen charity of The Variety Club this year who are tirelessly raising funds. L'Étacq designed our totaliser and we look forward to sharing our progress towards our £450,000 goal!

Finally, we are sad to say 'Goodbye' to our wonderful Sandra, admin assistant at Secondary. We wish her every happiness in her future adventures to come!

Thank you to all our learners, staff, and families for making this first half term such a success. Here's to more adventures ahead!



M. Seale





Turtle Class

Turtles have had a brilliant half term focusing on communication and intensive interactions. We have enjoyed using our preferred ways of communication to ask for more, again or finished. We have loved Bucket time, especially when Ms. Cesca makes a lot of mess. We have welcomed our new friends to Turtles who have transitioned amazingly! Well done Turtles for a fab term of learning and lots of fun!



Dolphin Class

Dolphin Class have settled into their new environment well, with changes to peers, staff and routines. They have all really enjoyed engaging in lots of learning through circle time this term which has been lovely to see!



Octopus Class

Octopus Class have had a fantastic first half term! We've loved taking part in horse riding sessions, getting stuck into our fun sensory sessions, and exploring all things autumn and Halloween during our sensory tuff tray times. The children have really enjoyed playing with lots of spooky and autumnal textures, colours, and smells!





Regal Tang Fish Class

The children have settled really well into Regaltang with new routines and are enjoying lots of exciting learning! We've been exploring the theme of All About Me, learning about ourselves, our families, and how we can be kind and caring towards others. We have focused our learning around Elmer the Patchwork Elephant and the children have been busy exploring colours and textures through art and sensory play. We've also been building wonderful sentences and growing our confidence with speaking and communicating our wants and needs. What a great start to the year!



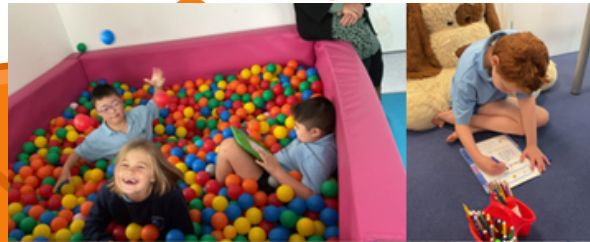
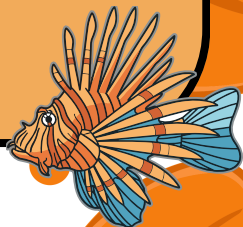
Parrotfish Class

This half term, we have been enjoying the story Elmer, which has helped us learn about different colours and feelings in a fun and engaging way. For PSHE, we have been sharing what we like and exploring what makes us happy, and sad. Alongside this, we have also been talking about our families and friends. These activities have encouraged the children to express themselves and build positive relationships with those around them.



Lionfish Class

This half term in Lionfish, we have been very busy developing our new friendships and settling into the classroom. We have completed some amazing CLL, phonics, maths and PHSE work and had lots of time for play. The class have also been busy swimming, horse riding and we even had a special visit from the Pantasaurus! We can't wait until next term!





Clownfish Class

Clownfish class have had a great start to this year, settling together as a group and enjoying friendships in class. In PSHE, we have enjoyed our topic 'all about me'. We liked looking at our family photos and talking about who was in the picture and sharing them with our friends. Have a lovely half term break!



Mandarinfish Class

Mandarin Fish have had a busy start to the new school year! We have enjoyed some really successful cycling without limits trips, using the adapted bikes. We have had a couple of super swim sessions, as well as lots of other wonderful class based learning. The children have impressed us with their communication, their counting skills, and their happy smiles. Hope everyone enjoys a nice half term week, and we look forward to seeing everyone again for Autumn Term 2.

Many thanks, Mandarin Fish Team



Rainbowfish Class

Rainbowfish have had a busy half term settling back into their new classroom and school routines. We have enjoyed reading Elmer and learning to celebrate differences. We have linked this with our All About Me topic thinking about ourselves and our own likes and dislikes.

All About Me topic thinking about ourselves and our own likes and dislikes. Have a great half term, The Rainbowfish Team





Victory Class

Our class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Jungle Book for literacy this term. They have used their talkers to engage with the text and its fascinating characters, and roleplayed the wonderful story.



Jungle Book



Mary Rose Class



Mary Rose class have embraced the changes to our room and new staff this half-term and have carried on with some good work on their communication, independence and social skills. Well done.



Santa Maria Class

Santa Maria have been busy exploring "The Jungle Book" in CLL this half term, with a particular focus on "Who?". We have compared characters, written descriptive poems using adjectives and similes, and even created fact files too. We tied this learning in with "Jungles" and covered food chains (Who eats who?) and characteristics of certain animals.





Mayflower Class

Mayflower have been enjoying taking part in places in the community. We have visited the bus station and looked at the different routes we would take to get us to different places.

Cutty Sark Class

We've grown pea shoots to add to our sandwiches for our class Halloween celebration this week. After a term of making lots of healthy snacks, we're looking forward to decorating some spooky cupcakes too. We have also been throwing some shapes, making letters with our bodies and stretching our vocal chords as part of CLL at The Jersey Arts Centre.



SS Vega Class

During Jaiden's visits to the Sante Sensory Centre, he successfully completed his Maths for Life assessment showing great determination and a strong commitment to improving his maths skills, with the goal of accessing coding courses in the future. David is showing fantastic improvement in his running and jumping skills, becoming more confident and capable each week at FB fields. Lucas has been engaging in word search activities and reading a variety of books to strengthen his focus and concentration skills.



L'Etacq

We've had a fantastic start to the new school year in L'Etacq! Everyone has settled back in brilliantly, and it's been wonderful to see so much enthusiasm for learning and school life.

This term, we've been enjoying reading *The Jungle Book*, which has inspired lots of creative discussions and activities in class. We also had the opportunity to watch the NSPCC play about Sam, helping us all think about how to stay safe and support one another.

Our weekly assemblies have been special as we've celebrated our Achievement Awards, recognising pupils' hard work, kindness, and achievements in school.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, the learners took part in a range of thoughtful and creative activities. A special highlight was the surprise visit from the ice cream van, which brought plenty of smiles!

We've also had our school photos taken, and pupils have enjoyed getting active with kickboxing sessions and lots of other sporting activities.

It's been a busy and exciting start to the term. Well done everyone, Mr Dingle.

Ellen MacArthur Class

What a brilliant first half term it's been in Post 14! The students in Ellen MacArthur class have settled into their new class and routines so well and have shown great enthusiasm and positivity. We've also been embracing the autumn season with lots of creative activities, including leaf animal art, chalk leaf prints, and pumpkin decorating. 🎃 It's been a wonderful start to the year, and we're so proud of how much the students have achieved already. ✨

Vasco Da Gama Class

The students have settled in to their new surroundings at Post 14 really well and have enjoyed combining with Ellen MacArthur to do activities like Kick Boxing. Vasco De Gama visited the library for the first time and loved picking out their own books to read. We also found a cool, comic strip of the *Jungle Book*, which we have been studying in CLL. Well done everyone for a great start to this year!



Swimming

Our Secondary swimming programme has gone well this term. In addition to our own pool we have used Haute Vallee pool, Cheshire Homes pool and also Les Quennevais. Depending on the child's needs and ability, we have used different pools and the sessions are tailored to their needs. All the children involved have shown improvement. Some of our older students have also learnt basic life saving techniques. We look forward to continuing this after half term.

Well done everyone, Mr Jordi



Halloween Disco!

What a fabulously spooky way to celebrate the end of this half term. It was great fun dancing to the Halloween classics and spending time with friends across the school community!



The Friends of Mont a l'Abbe School (PTA)

EARLY BIRD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sunday 23rd November 2025

11am - 3:30pm

(10-11am Sensory Hour)

Please contact Karen O'Brien, our Chairperson
k.obrien@montalabbe.sch.je if you can offer any help.

We will be collecting good quality toys after half term for our ever popular toy area - all donations welcome.

Thank you in advance.

