



Akrotiri School

Friday Feeling

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You will have recently received the curriculum overview from the class teachers. As we press forwards into the first full week of our new curriculum design, guided by the National Curriculum for England, we have refined our offer whilst considering our unique location and context. We asked ourselves the question:

What do we want out of our curriculum?

Akrotiri School is an extraordinary place in which to learn and work. History, nature and technology exudes around every corner and even in the skies above us. Our unique context is the starting point for an engaging curriculum which reflects our motto 'Roots to Grow and Wings to Fly' and is underpinned by our core values 'Honesty, Empathy, Aspiration, Respect and Teamwork'.

The curriculum at Akrotiri will:

- *Develop the skills for effective learning (roots to grow)*
- *Foster a love of learning which is brave and ambitious (wings to fly)*
- *Encourage curiosity and exploit our unique context and environment*
- *Be language and knowledge rich*
- *Prepare children for the next stage of their learning*

This is an exciting time as we look to block the foundation subjects to allow a deeper exploration of the learning objectives and afford us greater opportunity to be language and knowledge rich. With high mobility a significant contextual factor, opportunities for revision of learning has been built into the curriculum design based on the work of Ebbinghaus and Rosenshine.

Elsewhere, although we are still unable to bring children together for assemblies, Mrs Robinson and I have been able to present the first Golden Mention certificates of the year. It was lovely to be able to award children in their classrooms and their classmates broke into spontaneous applause on each occasion demonstrating great empathy and teamwork amongst their peers.

Finally, to follow up on the helmet message from last week, we will be joining up with CJPU COMPOL and SBA police on Monday to complete a helmet check for those children riding bikes or arriving on scooters. If your child is found not to be wearing a helmet you will be informed via a slip and communication from the class teacher. It would be great to have 100% turnout in helmets – please help to keep the children safe.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,
Ben Turner
Headmaster

