



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 2 2018

Welcome back, I hope you had a super half term break and are excited for the next few weeks. We have lots of lovely things to look forward to and are certainly going to be very busy! Keep looking on our social media to keep up with all of our adventures!

Island Life



Our topic for this half term is Island Life. This topic is based around the Katie Morag books by Mairi Hedderwick. We will be looking at the fictional Isle of Struay (Katie Morag's home) as well as real islands.

Please see listed below the subject areas our topic will cover:

History - studying the life of an author.

Geography - finding out what an island is, creating a variety of maps, learning about a 'bird's eye view' and recognising simple features on a map.

Art - line drawing, painting and collage of Katie Morag and the Isle of Struay.

Design and Technology - weaving a paper tartan sample and creating a 3D model of the Isle of Struay.

Science - weather and seasons.

ICT - Beebots and programming.

Music/PE - Scottish ceilidh music, dancing, rhythm and beat.

Katie Morag Table



Contributions are welcomed for our topic table (books, tartan, post office equipment etc).

Forest Schools

We will be starting Forest Schools sessions on Friday afternoons starting on Friday 9th March. Please could you send suitable clothing and footwear for this activity. We will be working in the allotment to prepare for Spring and completing lots of hunts, activities and challenges on the field. We will hopefully be able to find a sunny Friday to have a fire pit this half term.

PE

Our PE days continue to be **Monday** and **Tuesday**. On Mondays we will be learning traditional Scottish ceilidh dancing in the hall. We will learn a range of steps and then put them into dance routines. On Tuesdays we will be further developing our gymnastics skills and creating sequences of gymnastics balances. A reminder that jewellery should not be worn on PE days and long hair should be tied up.

Spellings

We will continue to test spellings each Friday morning and send home a new list each Monday. The spelling lists are also on our class website page and are usually uploaded each Friday. The lists of high frequency words are on our class page as well, these will be tested at the end of each half term. Thank you for your support.

Big Maths

We will continue to complete the Learn Its and CLIC Big Maths Challenges each Wednesday morning. The timings for the Learn It's Challenges are as follows:

1, 2, 3, 4 = 20 secs	5 = 30 secs	6+ = 60 secs
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The expectation for Spring Term is to be working on CLIC 5 and Learn Its 5.

Reading Books

Reading books will continue to be changed on a Monday and 3 books will be sent home for the week. I am very pleased with the progress the children are making and reading at home contributes so much to this. Thank you.

World Book Day

Don't forget to wear your pyjamas and bring a book on Thursday 1st March !

Thank you for your continued support,
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