



# Year 1 Newsletter

## Spring 2 2020

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 - creating a 3D model of the Isle of Struay.

Science - Spring season work and continued work on Materials

### Katie Morag Table



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

### Reading Buddies



Each Friday afternoon Year 1 meet up with their Year 5 reading buddy to share stories and complete reading challenges. This has been a very popular new activity across the whole school.

### PE



Our PE days continue to be **Monday** and **Tuesday**. On Mondays we will be continuing to work with Elliot from Onside to develop ball skills and play team games. On Tuesdays we will be continuing with ceilidh dancing and developing dance routines. This links in with our work on Katie Morag.

### Spellings

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



### Big Maths

We will continue to complete the Learn Its and CLIC Big Maths Challenges each Wednesday or Thursday mornings. The times for Learn Its are on our class page. The children are doing really well with these weekly challenges and if they complete Step 7 they will bring home challenges instead.

### Reading Books

Reading books will go back to being changed on a Monday and 3 books will be sent home for the week. Bookmark stickers will continue to be given out for 5 reads at home each week. The children have enjoyed the new Read Write Inc books we started to send out in January. Thank you.

### World Book Week

Children can come to school in non-uniform next Thursday (the theme is heroes and villains) and we have lots of fun reading activities planned for that day. If your child has a book on this theme, please could they bring them in

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Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Trainer

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