

Other Subjects

Topic – ‘An Island Home’

We are developing our understanding of life in a rural setting and to help us, we are focusing on the books by Mairi Hedderwick. These books feature a little girl called Katie Morag and her family. We are following their exploits in our English lessons. During our Art lessons we will be looking at, and painting landscapes, linked to the Katie Morag stories. In our Design and Technology lessons we will be making Flapjacks and designing and making a container for them so that Katie Morag can sell them in the Post office on the Isle of Struay.

Religious Education and PSHE

During our Religious Education lessons we are learning about the key aspects of Islam and Judaism.

Our PSHE this term we will be focusing on our abilities, qualities and strengths. The children will be encouraged to set their own goals and recognise what they are good at. We will also explore the ways in which children can keep themselves safe.

Science

We are learning about the classification of animals e.g. mammals, reptiles and birds. We have a particular focus on mini-beasts and their habitat. During the topic we will gather information which will be used to produce our own information sheets on our chosen mini-beast. We will also look at how particular animals and plants adapt to their environment.

Other Information!

HOMEWORK

Homework plays an essential role in consolidating the knowledge and understanding your child gains from daily lessons. It is also a great opportunity to spend quality time with your child talking about what they have learnt. Thank you for spending time with your child completing the homework that has been sent out so far.

SATS

Teacher assessment is ongoing, however as you know this is the year your child has to complete a number of assessment tasks. These will be during May and will take place in a normal classroom situation.

The Victorians : A Step Back in Time

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who supported us in making the costumes for the visit by Freshwater Theatre Company. They enjoyed the day, especially dressing up and taking part in the Victorian School lesson.

This term we are planning to take the children to Cosford Air Museum to link to our topic on the history of flight. There will be more information to follow.

Please save cardboard cylinders

After the half term holiday, each child will need two cylinders of similar size to make a Torah.

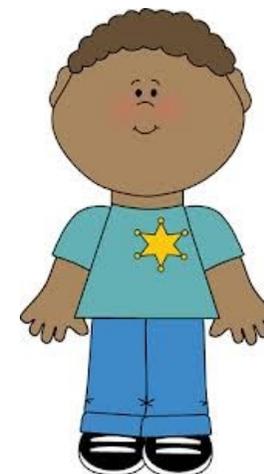
Kitchen roll tubes are ideal as unfortunately we cannot use toilet roll tubes.

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Introduction

The children are working very hard and we are pleased with their achievements so far! We thank you for your continued support with helping your child to achieve their targets that were discussed during our recent parental consultations. This newsletter is to let you know about our exciting Summer Term.

We look forward to welcoming you to the School Summer Fayre on Friday 9th June.

I enjoyed eating our Victorian high tea especially the Victoria Sponge!

I've achieved my reading target!

I understand what an adjective is!

I enjoyed writing my poem about the magic box.

Ask me why Florence Nightingale was called the Lady with the Lamp.

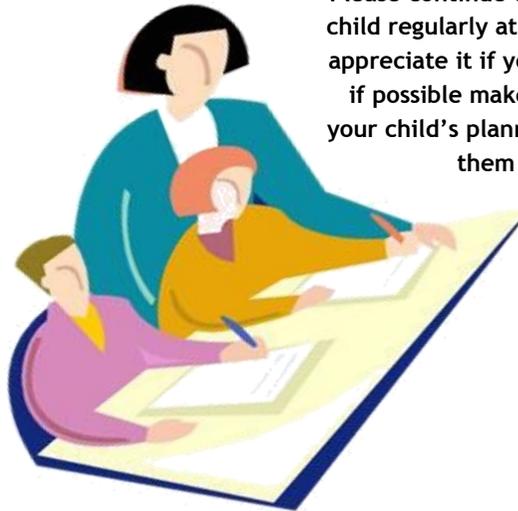
I understand whether an object is alive, never has been alive or dead.

Literacy

During the first half term in English we will be focusing on writing extended stories. This will be linked to our work on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and other stories by Ronda Armitage.

In the second half of the term we will be writing about the Katie Morag and the Isle of Stray. This will be in the form of an explanation text and an information text.

Please continue to read with your child regularly at home. We would appreciate it if you could sign and if possible make a comment in your child's planner when hearing them read.



You can help at home by:

- *Talking with your child about their point of view of a character in their reading book.
- *Finding verbs, adverbs, adjectives and nouns in texts.
- *Practise letter formation, concentrating on the correct starting point for each letter (At the top apart from d and e)
- *Give lots of opportunities for your child to write at home.

Maths

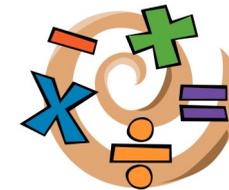
Mental Maths

This term we will be focussing on improving our overall mental maths skills. We will be working on our ability to round numbers to the nearest 10 and identifying number patterns i.e. odd and even numbers.

Written Strategies

We will be focussing on applying our knowledge of the four operations to solve problems. It is important that the children get used to showing their working out so that we can see if there are any misconceptions. We will continue to work on using repeated addition and subtraction to solve multiplication and division questions.

We will also be continuing to work on our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables to enable the children use them when problem solving.



You can help at home by:

- *Play maths games and to support with homework activities.
- *Exploring real life maths e.g. sharing cake or biscuits amongst family so that they all get an equal amount.
- *Practising the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.
- *Playing Mathletics games.
- *Practise telling the time using analogue and digital clocks.