



**Torridon**  
Primary School

### Reading

Our main focus for this half term will be developing the skills of retrieval and understanding how texts are structured. We will look at writers' techniques and developing children's abilities to summarise.

### Writing

In writing, we will be studying the Ted Hughes classic **Iron Man**. Children will explore the writer's techniques to create suspense and mystery. Children will write news articles, poetry and an extended narrative.



### Mathematics

This half term children will consolidate and extend their understanding of place value. We will also focus on securing children's understanding of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), whilst simultaneously applying these core skills to a range of reasoning and problem solving challenges.

### Meet the Team!

Team Leader: Nick

Teaching Staff: Caroline, Jonathan, Anne, Marissa

Support Staff: Azena, Patricia, Kirsty, Georgia, Alex, Orlando, Lucie, Vicky

### Freedom and Captivity



### Supporting Your Child's Learning at Home

Reading is the most important activity we can do at home with our children. Please spend time reading to and with your child, and listening to them read. We ask that Reading Records are completed daily.

Mathletics challenges will also be set weekly, and hard copies of maths home learning will be sent out along with spelling lists for pupils to practise.

## Year Four

Autumn 1 2019

### Science

We will be studying the topic of animals and their habitats this term. We will be using the science skills of classifying, observing and testing to investigate and groups different animal species. We will also debate whether animals should be kept in captivity.

### Topic: Geography

This half term, we are developing geography skills. We will develop our knowledge of places, both in the UK and globally. We will also be looking at human geography and trade links, with a particular focus on slavery and emancipation.

### Enrichment

We are planning a number of enrichment activities to further our understanding of freedom and captivity. We will let you know in good time of any educational visits. As part of our PE curriculum swimming lessons for Year 4 will begin this term. They will be on Thursdays. Each term a different class will be taught swimming:

Autumn term: 4J; Spring term: 4C; Summer term: 4AM