



Torridon  
Primary School

### Reading

Phonics lessons will take place every morning, and we will also have daily guided reading lessons. Through these sessions, children will have lots of opportunities to increase their independence and confidence by building on their decoding strategies, adding to their banks of sight-read words and starting to talk about books, stories and characters.

### Writing

In writing, we will be focusing our learning around the core text, 'Little Turtle and the Changing Sea'. This will involve finding out about endangered sea creatures and the problems they face and making information posters, before practising our speaking and presentation skills by doing a puppet show and finally, writing our own sea animal 'rescue' stories.

### Mathematics

In Maths, we will be developing our counting skills while recognising and using coins. This will involve counting on from different amounts as well as counting in 2ps and 10ps. After finding totals of coins in purses, we will use money to make amounts and extend our addition and subtraction strategies. We will finish the term

### Meet the Team!

**Team Leader:** Nikki

**Teaching Staff:** Gemma, Mariam, Nikki

**Support Staff:** Ashley, Heather, Lydia, Maria, Pam, Sabrina

## Under the Sea



### Supporting Your Child's Learning

We will be sending home phonics words to practise reading alongside reading books in order to help children gain confidence in phonics as well as fluency in reading. Please continue to read with your child on a daily basis. Alongside 1 digital phonics book each week, children will bring home physical reading books which should be read more than once to learn new words. You will find questions in the back of many of the books which will help children improve their comprehension skills. Please also use the login details in your child's reading record to access Mathletics.

# Year 1

Autumn 2 2022

### Science

This half term we will be exploring everyday materials and their properties. After exploring what objects within and around our environment are made of, we will explore materials that are waterproof, absorbent, transparent and opaque. We will also continue to discuss seasonal change.

### Geography

This half term, our focus will be using local and world maps. We will be learning about the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom and labelling these on a map. We will also be learning about the oceans and continents as we investigate seal colonies around the world.

### PSHE

This half term, our PSHE focus will be 'Celebrating Differences'. We will be exploring some of the ways in which we are similar and different to our peers and how this makes us unique. We will also be learning about what bullying is and how to effectively deal with it as well as how to form quality friendships.

## PE

Year 1 will have **Dance** and **Yoga** on **Fridays** and **PE** on **Tuesdays**. Our PE focus for this half term is gymnastics.

Please ensure that your child comes in to school wearing their PE uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Dance

In dance, this term we will explore moving as under sea animals and performing movement patterns.

## Music

Year 1 are studying composition and performance this half term. They will be using the sea and sea creatures as stimuli, and looking at how others have used the sea as inspiration.

## RE

This half term in RE we will be learning about different celebrations in different religions and looking at some key religious figures. As we move towards Christmas we will look at why some Christians and non-religious people celebrate Christmas.



Maybe Year 1 can design a new cave for you Little Turtle.



I need a new cave.

## Art

We are learning about BAME Artists this term and celebrating with a Whole School Art Exhibition just before the end of this term. Year One is learning about Zaha Hadid through making paper sculptures and paintings.

## DT

The children will be putting their design skills to the test, as they create a water proof cave for little turtle. What materials will be good to use?

In cooking, many cultures use seaweed as a natural flavour enhancer. Year 1 will be making two pots of rice, flavouring one with seaweed. Will they be able to say which one tastes like the sea?

## Computing

We will be delving into the world of 'digital painting', this half term and children will have the opportunity to use the 'paint' tools to 'paint' Little Turtle's under sea home. We will learn how to use the shape and line tools effectively, as well as choosing the colours brush sizes we need to achieve our imagined under water worlds.