



Torridon
Primary School

Reading

Phonics lessons will continue to take place every morning.

Children will also have small group, adult-led guided reading sessions three days per week, during which they will develop their decoding, fluency, expression and comprehension skills.

Writing

In writing, we will be focusing our learning around the core text, 'Little Turtle and the Sea'. This will involve finding out about endangered sea creatures and the problems they face. We will design and write information posters, practise our speaking and presentation skills through a puppet show and finally, write our own sea animal 'rescue' stories.

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.

Meet the Team!

Team Leader: Nikki

Teaching Staff: Whitley, Mariam, Nikki

Support Staff: Maria, Lakisha, Janira

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 some 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

In science, we will carry on developing our understanding of animals, including the many similarities and differences that make us all unique and our world so magical. Through science experiments, we will explore the effects of healthy eating and drinking enough water. We will also learn about the importance of bones.

Geography

This half term, our focus will be learning about the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom. This will include exploring national traditions. We will begin to understand the difference between natural and physical features, as well as learn about the oceans, seas and continents.

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 with

PE

Year 1 will have **Dance** on **Thursdays** and **PE** on **Tuesdays**. Our PE focus for this half term will be gymnastics.

Please ensure that your child comes in to school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays and in **socks** instead of tights, if possible, as we will be taking our shoes and socks off.

Dance

In dance, this term we will be exploring the theme of Under the Sea becoming sea animals and making 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 we will be learning about 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 ethnically diverse Artists this term and celebrating the whole term's work with a Whole School Art Exhibition just before the winter holidays where you will be able to come and view the children's portraits and frames. Year One are learning about Zaha Hadid through making paper sculptures.

DT

The children will be putting their sewing skills to the test, as they use a simple running stitch to create their very own fluffy jelly-fish soft toys.

In cooking, many cultures use seaweed as a natural flavour enhancer. Year 1 will also 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 and brush sizes we need to create our imagined under water worlds and to recreate a number of famous abstract paintings.