



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. Please remind your child to change their reading books at least once a week.

Writing

This half term we will be learning about the moon and writing information about it. We will also be exploring the first ever human moon landing and writing a news report about it. We will write a recipe for a very unusual sandwich (for the aliens!) and correspond with Bob and his friends as they do their jobs across the Solar System.

Mathematics

In maths, we will be exploring the 'tens' and 'ones' that make numbers to 100, using a range of practical resources. We will apply our new knowledge of number to solving addition and subtraction number sentences and start to investigate length, height, capacity and weight.

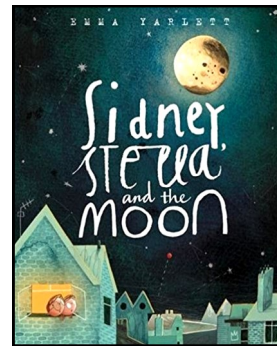
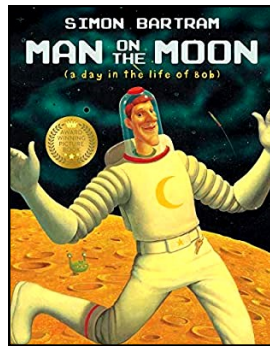
Meet the Team!

Team Leader: Nikki

Teaching Staff: Whitley, Mariam, Nikki

Support Staff: Maria, Lakisha, Janira

Fly Me to the Moon



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 their weekly phonics e-books, 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

Spring 1 2024

Science

In science, we will be continuing our learning about seasonal change; looking at how plants and the weather change with the seasons. We will also continue to develop our knowledge of the properties of materials, including finding out what the moon is made of.

History

In history, we will be exploring the moon landings and all things space! Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins will be our focus, along with Mae C Jemison, the 'first black women to travel to space'. She was also chosen to serve for the STS-47 mission, during which she orbited the Earth for nearly eight days!

PSHE

This half term, our PSHE focus will be 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be exploring some of the ways in which we can set simple and achievable goals. We will also be identifying any obstacles that we might face when trying to achieve our goals and discussing strategies to overcome these challenges.

PE

Year 1 will have **Dance** and **Yoga** on **Thursdays** and **PE** on **Tuesdays**. **1M** will have PE on **Fridays**. Our PE focus for this half term is Multi-skills.

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

Dance

This term, we will become space heroes, performing and exploring movement patterns and responding to a range of stimulus.

Forest School

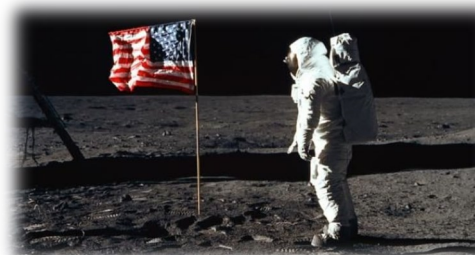
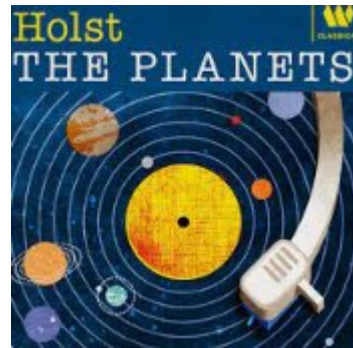
This term, we are very happy to have our Forest School sessions. Please ensure children come to school with cold-weather gear and if they have wellies and waterproof trousers, that's even better!

Art

Taking inspiration from the illustrations of Beatrix Potter, Year One will be experimenting with the medium of ink. We will be making our own mark-making tools, experimenting with a range of drawing techniques and creating observational drawings in our sketchbooks.

DT

The children will be putting their design skills to the test, as they design, create and evaluate their own space craft. They will use tearing and a range of joining techniques to create their space vehicle.



Music

During our space topic we will be listening to a variety of different space themed music: Sprach Zarathustra – Strauss, Planet Suite – Gustav Holst and Apollo 13 – James Horner. We will learn about dynamics, texture and pitch, and will use these dimensions of music to help to create group compositions for a space launch.

RE

During RE this half term our focus will be Belonging and looking closer at the religion of Islam. While exploring the theme of belonging we will learn how special places, such as a Mosque, can bring a deeper sense of belonging. We will be learning about the different features of a Mosque and how we can be respectful in different places of worship.

Computing

We will be revisiting typing, this half term, as they write facts about the moon on our laptops, but this time, children will have the opportunity to use the change the look of text using 'bold', 'italic' and 'underline' as well as changing the font. They will also learn to double-click and drag to select parts of a text.