



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 role play and drama 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, Kisha, Riece

Under the Sea



Supporting Your Child's Learning

We will continue to send 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. We have added lots of books to the children's e-libraries for them to choose from. To build their fluency and expression, books should be read more than once. 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 2025

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.

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

This term in dance we will be exploring story telling through classical ballet. We will creatively use actions and gestures to reflect the characters in The Nutcracker. We will use props to enhance our learning and understanding of the scenes from the ballet.

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 learn about Christianity. We will explore what makes a gift 'meaningful'. As we move towards Christmas we will look at the Christmas story and learn about the three gifts presented to a baby by three wise men.



Art

This term, Year 1 are learning about the famous British artist, David Hockney. We will take inspiration from his vibrant and original style and learn how to draw and control lines in different ways.



DT

The children will be creating an "Under the Sea" themed moving picture, using mechanisms such as sliders and levers to bring their ocean scenes to life. In cooking, many cultures use seaweed as a natural flavour enhancer. Year 1 will be making two pots of rice - one plain and one flavoured with seaweed. Will they be able to tell 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.