

Stingrays' Topic Overview

Spring Term 2 2015

Islands

In **Geography** Year 2 will be learning about what it is like to live on an island and comparing it to living on the mainland. They will look at the differences between living on a large island such as the UK and a small island such as the Isle of Coll. The children will look at photographs and maps to find out information. They will be drawing maps of their own and using geographical language. We will be making links with the Isle of Struay which is featured in the Katie Morag stories. They will be learning about physical and human features on islands and how features such as houses and transport are different.

In **R.E.** the children will be learning about the concept of Welcoming and relating this to Palm Sunday and the Easter story as well as to their own lives.

In **Literacy** the children will be writing setting descriptions for the Isle of Struay and the Isle of Coll. They will also be writing character descriptions for the characters from the Katie Morag stories. They will be writing stories based on the Katie Morag books. The children will be retelling one of her stories and writing their own using the characters and settings.

In non-fiction writing, the children will be learning about persuasive writing and writing pieces to persuade people to visit different geographical destinations. The children will also be writing non-fiction pieces about a Scottish animal or bird that they will research.



In **PSHCE** the children will be learning about the importance of recognising why it is good to be who they are. The children will be identifying their strengths and the strengths of others.

In **Music** Year 2 will be listening to music from Scotland. They will be continuing to use instruments to create their own music.

In **PE** the children will be learning Scottish dancing on Monday afternoons. On Wednesdays they will be further developing their multi-skills. Please make sure PE kits are in on these days.

In **Science** the children will be learning about living things and their habitats. They will be learning about how different living things live in different habitats and are often suited for that habitat. They will look around our school grounds and see what habitats it offers and also look at the habitats offered by islands.

In **ICT** the children will be learning how to collect and record information using computers. They will also learn how to present their findings using ICT and compare this to presenting information in other ways such as by hand.

In **Art** the children will work together to make a 3D model of the Isle of Struay, using their geographical knowledge to help them. They will also be painting landscapes of Hambledon and the Isle of Coll using watercolour paints.

In **Numeracy** the children will be continuing their work on fractions that was started before half term. After that, they will be learning about money and time and how to solve problems involving both concepts. There will be opportunities to do this in our Role Play area as well as in lesson. They will then be learning about position and direction and how to read and find co-ordinates. To finish the half term, the children will be solving multi-step problems and also recording information in bar charts. They will use these to answer questions.