

### Geography/Topic

This half term we will be learning to use maps and atlases to locate the world's continents and oceans as well as thinking about the countries and capital cities of the UK and its surrounding seas. We will look at the Isle of Coll on which the Katie Morag books are based, thinking about its human and physical features. We will look at the types of transport that are used to get to, and move around Coll, find out the jobs that people do there and compare the islander's life to ours in Surrey. We will also look at the Pacific island in the book, Nim's Island, and learn about the creatures found on a tropical island and jobs done there. Finally, we will be looking at maps, map symbols, and we will design a map for our own imaginary island.

### Science

This half term our science topic is electricity. We will learn how to make simple series circuits with batteries, wires and light bulbs. We will be designing and making a working switch to control our own circuits. We will investigate conductors and insulators and will also be learning about the importance of electrical safety.

### PSHE

We are looking at why people go to work, and how different jobs need people with different skills. We will look at jobs people do locally as well as jobs characters do from the books we are reading this term. If there are any parents willing to talk to the children about their job, please let me know.

### Reading books

The main days for changing reading books are Monday and Friday mornings, although it can be done other mornings if necessary. We also very much appreciate parents filling in the reading record when they are heard at home as this forms a valuable part of our reading assessments and how the children are using their reading skills at home.

### PE / Forest Schools

In games we will be practising our ball skills with a partner and thinking about tactics within a game. We will go **outside** whenever possible...so please make sure a warm PE kit is in school. In gym we will be practising different skills using hand apparatus and incorporate these into a simple sequence with a partner.

Forest school continues this half term every Thursday afternoon, starting on **Thursday 7th January**. Don't forget your waterproof trousers and jacket. In this colder weather, gloves and an extra pair of warm socks are useful too.

# Island home



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### DT / Art / ICT

In DT we will be designing, planning and constructing our own imaginary island.

In art, we will be looking different drawing and painting skills to create winter pictures and look at the artist, Robert Delaunay.

In ICT we will be working with computer programmes for coding We will also be exploring Google Earth to look at the Isle of Coll. We will be looking at what emails are and how to keep safe when communicating with others.

### Literacy

This half term we will be learning about the author and illustrator, Maria Hedderwick who lived on the Isle of Coll in Scotland. Her life provided inspiration for the Katie Morag series of books which are set on the fictional Isle of Struay. We will be learning about the characters who live on this island and explore some of the stories written. We will also be looking at the book Nim's Island and compare life on a tropical island with the island in Scotland. To make our good writing even better we will be using adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions. We will also begin to think about identifying and using the correct tenses in our work. We will also be thinking about the types of sentences we can use to vary our writing style. We will continue to focus on spelling and try to accurately use spellings learnt in our everyday writing.

### Maths

We will continue to secure our understanding of multiplication, and start to learn our 2, 5 and 10 times table facts. We will use these facts to divide by 2, 5 and 10 and solve a variety of problems. During birdwatching day we will collect data and present using tally charts and block graphs.

**Quick as a flash..... times tables**

To know 2x, 10x tables.

### RE / Music

In RE we will learn that the mosque is the special place of worship for Muslims and that the different parts of a mosque have different names and different purposes. We will see that mosques are decorated with patterns and Arabic writing and look at the ways Muslims show respect for their place of worship. We will also begin to look at the Bible as a special book for Christians.

In music, we will continue to learn the recorder and also find out about key elements of music such as tempo, pitch, rhythm and pulse. We will listen to a variety of styles of music and will start to learn the songs we hope to use at the Y2 music festival later this year.