



A very warm welcome back to a new school year. Every half term you will receive a curriculum letter, which will explain some of the things that your child will be learning in the Owls class. I am very excited about the new year and have planned lots of fun filled activities for us to experience.



We have two main topics for this half- term; 'An Island Home' and 'Grace Darling and Lighthouses'. An Island Home topic is geography based unit and will focus on comparing life on the fictional Isle of Struay to our own lives. The children will use their geography skills to learn about the geographical features, identifying them on photographs and maps.



The Grace Darling and Lighthouse topic covers History, Design Technology and Art. We will find out who Grace Darling was and why she was such an important person in history. We will be creating seascape artwork in response to this topic.

We aim to teach as much of our curriculum through our topic and in addition will be covering the following:

- English lessons will begin by focusing on the Katie Morag stories by Mairi Hedderwick. We will be retelling the stories and writing our own adventures.
- In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum, and where appropriate will link this with our topic. This half- term we will particularly focus on counting and calculating using key vocabulary 'more' and 'less'.
- In Science this half- term we will be exploring materials.
- In PE we will be covering multi-skills.
*Owls PE lessons will be on a **Monday and Friday afternoon**. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit including trainers or plimsolls. It really helps us if, on PE days, long hair is tied back and if earrings are taken out before coming to school. Children are not allowed to do PE if they have earrings in. This is for their safety.*
- In ICT we will be focusing on Personal Information and how to stay safe when using technological devices.
- In PSHCE we will be developing a set of classroom rules to encourage a happy, positive learning environment.
- In RE we will learn about different communities and what it means to belong.

Mrs Parkin will be teaching music and science on Thursday afternoons.

This half-term value is generosity.

There will be a 'Drop in session' every other Wednesday from 3:00pm until 3:15pm whilst the children are in assembly. This is a time for you to catch us, look at your child's work, discuss any concerns etc.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable and inspiring half term,
Mrs Fuller