

# Primary 2/1 - Our Term in a Nutshell

## Numeracy and Maths

During this term Primary 1 have been learning about the concept of subtraction. We have been creating subtraction stories up to 10 using concrete materials, and are even able to remember some of these subtraction facts! We have also developed our understanding of money, finding different ways to make amounts up to 10p and saying if we have 'enough' to pay for items in our shop. During this term, Primary 2 have been building our knowledge of subtraction within 20. We have been using our ten frames and number lines, and have developed strategies for calculating mentally. We've also learned about 'fact families', which has helped us to see the link between addition and subtraction. P2 have also started learning about multiplication—making equal sets and learning our 2 times table. As a class we have also been learning to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks—Primary 1 have been focussing on **o'clock** and Primary 2 have been learning about **half past**.



## Interdisciplinary Learning

Our IDL topic this term has been 'Katie Morag—Living on an Island'. We have found out about life on a Scottish island and have compared it to life on the mainland. We worked together to create a big map of the Isle of Struay for our wall, and we set up a Village Store and Post Office.—this has been very useful for practising using money! We have written to Katie Morag to tell her about where we live, and have also written descriptions of Katie Morag and her island. We've looked at the work of different Scottish artists and used it as a stimulus for our own amazing art pieces.

## Literacy

Primary 1 have now learned all of our Jolly Phonics sounds, and we are becoming confident in blending our sounds to read lots of words. We are developing our skill in writing cvc words and 'having a go' at sounding out and writing longer words too! We have worked hard on lots of different writing activities this term and are beginning to write our ideas with more independence. During this term, Primary 2 have grown as little readers! We are using our reading strategies well to read trickier texts and are now trying to choose more challenging 'Read it Yourself' books from the library. We enjoyed our focus on non-fiction texts—finding and using features such as the contents page, headings, glossary and index page. We brought in so many interesting non-fiction books from home to share with the class and took part in 'fact finder' tasks. We've continued to learn from our 'Reading Friends', and were introduced to a new friend, Clara Clarifier, who helps us to work out the meaning of tricky words in books. In writing we have worked hard to write more descriptive sentences, using adjectives and connectives. Our teachers were so impressed with everyone's 'Show and Tell' about a 'special place' this term.

## Health and Wellbeing

During this term we have been focussing on gymnastics in P.E. We have learned a variety of balances, jumps and rolls, and have enjoyed creating sequences on the floor and on the apparatus. We were lucky to have a specialist input in gymnastics from Lyndsey (Active Schools Co-ordinator), as well as a Taekwondo taster session. In PATHS we have been learning how to do 'turtle' when we are upset.



*I liked reading the non-fiction books. I know how to find facts in them now.*

*Learning about Katie Morag was fun. I enjoyed making a kilt and finding out about living on an island.*