

Newsletter

Botswana Class February 2020

Dear Parents

Our topic this term is Grace Darling



We will be learning about our local heroine, **Grace Darling** and what she did that made her famous. We will learn about Grace's life as a lighthouse keeper's daughter and about the wreck of the SS Forfarshire and the rescue in 1838. We will learn about modern sea rescue by the **RNLI**.



In Literacy. We will be completing our work on traditional tales by writing our own mixed-up version of a well known story. We will be learning about the features of non-fiction reports and explanations and linking this to our topic on Grace Darling by writing a report about her life and the famous rescue.



In Maths We will be working on calculations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and use these to solve problems in real-life problems. We will also be learning about fractions of shapes and numbers. We will collect data and present it in graphs and charts and then interpret the data.

In Science we will be learning about Super Scientists.

The children will be exploring the work of various scientist across history and how their work impacts on our lives today:

- Sir Isaac Newton – Investigating the effect gravity has on everyday objects.
- Alexander Graham Bell and the invention of the telephone.
- The work of Florence Nightingale, Joseph Lister and Alexander Fleming - Investigating how germs are transferred by touching things.
- Thomas Edison and Humphry Davy - Investigating electrical circuits to make a light bulb light up.



In our RE lessons children will be learning about the Easter. We will read the story of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation. We will talk about and ask questions about what the story of Easter has to say to us about sadness, joy and hope.

In Computing:

Year 1 will be learning how to make an animated book through the Purple Mash programme '2Create). Through the unit of work, 'Animated Story Books' the children will have opportunity to develop the skills to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content through the creation of their own animated story book.

Year 2 will be learning about the Internet, the web, browsers and search engines. They will be taught the basics of searching: where to type in their query and how to understand the pages of results. The children will look at the main pages and buttons they will encounter while using search engines. These lessons

allow the children to develop an understanding of what the Internet is. It will also give them the basic tools to help them search for information more effectively.

Art – Seascapes The children will be using different art mediums (paint, pastels, crayons etc) to create images of the sea.

In Music:

Year 1 will be listening, appraising and performing a variety of songs through the unit '**Round and Round**'.

Year 2 will be listening, appraising and performing a variety of songs through the unit '**Zootime**'.

PE will be on Monday (NUFC) and Thursday (Gymnastics). All children need trainers for games in their PE bags and the girls need socks if they wear tights. Please, please name every item of clothing.

In PSHE the children will be learning about keeping safe through a unit called '**Safety First**'.

In this unit of work, the children will learn about everyday dangers, in the home and outside and how they can keep themselves safe. Children will also learn about the Internet and how to stay safe online. They will be taught about the Underwear Rule, which includes information about appropriate and inappropriate touching and knowing that what is inside their underwear is private. Children will also learn about people who help them and how to get help when needed, as well as their growing responsibility for their own safety.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's reading it really does make a huge difference to their progress. Please do feel welcome to come and talk to us, if you think there is something that will help us support your child in school.

Many thanks

Mrs. Sutcliffe and Mrs Critchlow