Our theme this term is: The Place where I Live

Our learning this half term will be focused around our theme ‘The place where I live’.

**English**

In Year 1 and 2 we will begin our literacy with Stories from Familiar Settings and we will begin with Katie Morag who lives on the Isle of Struay. We will then focus

On the Jolly Postman. The children will be making predictions, helping Katie by thinking of questions. We will respond in Character in some drama sessions and once

We have looked at time Connectives the children will eventually create their own short story. We will then move on to Poetry which will be on the theme family and I am hoping for some poetry recitals. Finally, we will write reports about Clitheroe after lots of investigation and exploring of our nearest town.

The Foundation Stage will look at traditional stories the The Billy Goats Gruff, Three little pigs and Goldilocks and the three bears. The children always enjoy these stories and they link to our topic. Following on from traditional stories the Foundation Stage children will focus on humorous poetry and finally Leaf Man where they will do lots of labelling and list writing. Leaf Man is a wonderful text and the children love exploring the outside when looking at this text.

**Maths**

We will be covering lots of counting and place value followed by shape, addition and subtraction, length, data handing, money, problem solving and multiplication and division. We will be applying mathematical areas to our topic where possible and we will be applying methods learned to practical activities and real life situations. We continue to follow the abacus scheme.

**Humanities**

This half term we are going to study Geography first we will concentrate on the Isle of Coll which is Katie Morag’s real Island home. We will be making links between life on the Isle of Coll an our locality. We will be identifying similarities and differences and looking at human and natural features. In History we will be looking at the changes over the years in our School and School grounds, what games children used to play in days gone by and what we enjoy doing now. We will be carrying out field work and discussing what improvements could be made to make our School and Slaidburn even better.

**Understanding the world**

The children in the Foundation Stage will be concentrating on their homes we will discuss what homes are made from. How homes have changed over the years. We will look at different style homes such as canal barges, mobile homes and apartments. The children will think about their home and about what their home is built of, the inside of their home. What each room is used for. We will also be taking the children on a walk around the village to look at the different homes in Slaidburn.

**Art and Design**

The children will begin by concentrating on pattern work and we will look at Tartan. I will be showing them Katie Morag’s green tartan and my Taylor Tartan. They will then produce their own tartan and even do some weaving. Following on from this we will look at Art connected to our local area and on the 21st of September we will be having an

Art day and I have booked a local artist to work with the children all day. Her ideas are wonderful and I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy this and I am hopeful they will

produce some wonderful pieces.

**Physical Education and Physical Development.**

Every Monday the children will be having a PE lesson with myself and Miss Ormerod we will be covering gymnastics and on Thursday the children will be having Coach Phil who comes highly recommended by Mrs White and Coach Phil will be covering ball skills and games.

**Computing**

The next 7 weeks we will be focusing on basic keyboard skills and also recording sound. For example, when we do our field work we will record our thoughts about the local area.

**RE**

In RE we will be focusing on the importance of Harvest and discussing Harvest around the world. We will also look at how we can help local people at this important time in the Christian Calendar.

**Role Play and Small World**

The role play this half term will be a construction area with giant bricks and tools. The children will have the opportunity to dress as construction workers. There will also be a home corner with a kitchen and table which I am sure the children will enjoy especially when we look at Goldilocks and the three bears.

Our small world will be linked to the three little pigs and then animal homes.

**PSHE**

In PSHE this term we will be looking at being safe.

**Forest School**

Forest School will take place on Thursday and Mrs Murray will be focusing on our local area she will start with lots of identification of trees, plants and flowers. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately as Forest School takes place whatever the weather!

**Home reading books – Please can you make sure your child has their reading book in their bag at all times and can you try and listen to your child read daily.**

**Spellings – Year 1 and 2 will get new spellings every Friday from Mrs Burcher and will be tested on these the following Friday.**

**Phonics – Reception children will be learning a new letter/ sound every day and it would be helpful to your child if you asked them to identify the sound they have**

**learned these will be in their home phonics books daily.**

**Water Bottles – Please could your child bring in their own water bottle labelled with their name as this is much more hygienic.**

**Gymnastic Club – The gymnastic club for Year 1 and 2 will begin in the next few weeks details to follow.**

**Thank you for your continued support. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions regarding our learning this term.**

**Mrs Taylor & Mrs Burcher and Miss Ormerod**