On Our Doorstep

YEAR 5

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a lovely break.

Our new topic for this half term, 'On Our Doorstep', will be based around the book 'Town is by the Sea' by Joanne Schwartz and Sydney Smith. Through this topic we will learn about and explore life in Peel and the Isle of Man.

Alongside this topic we will focus on an essential question - a question which we'll refer to and use as a hook for developing learning throughout the unit of work. Our question will be: "How does heritage and culture impact the way we live our lives?"

Spellings

The children will continue to bring home a copy of their weekly spellings on Mondays and will be 'quizzed' on them on Fridays.

Thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Atherton, Mr Crookall,
Mr Kinvig and Miss Udy.

Dates for Your Diary

* Monday 23rd February - World Thinking Day
* Wk beg. Monday 23rd February - Police Workshops
* Wk beg. Monday 2nd March - Parents' Evening Meetings
* Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
* Thursday 26th March - Beach Buddies Litter Pick
* Thursday 2nd April - Last day before Easter

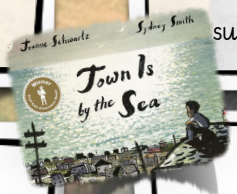
ENGLISH

Focus text: Town is by the Sea by J. Schwartz and S. Smith

- Up-levelling our sentences using adjectives and adverbs.
- Writing from different perspectives.

TOPIC

- Identifying, researching and locating rivers in the Isle of Man and around the World.
- Identifying and explaining features of rivers
- Local history - protests surrounding Women's votes



SCIENCE

Materials - Separating Mixtures

MATHS

- Finishing Fractions
- Decimals and Percentages

PE / PSHE

- PE with QEII (tag rugby)
- Dance

MUSIC

- Exploring traditional Manx music

RE

How do beliefs influence people's actions?

ART/D&T

- Exploring local artists
- Critical study of the illustrations from our story.

LOOKING BACK ON ...
BEASTS BEYOND THE SUMMIT

Comparing the size of different mountains using toilet roll.

Calculating angles

PE with QEII

Visiting Mars!