



Transition Topic 2020.

Each Year we work with all the schools and nurseries in the area to provide a transition topic to help children in their move from Nursery to P1. This year the topic will be 'Our Coast'. All nurseries will be working to this topic in the run up to the end of term in June and the schools will carry it forward in August to help the children settle in with something familiar.

We have decided to introduce our topic on the 23rd March with 'Stormy Stan' from the lifeboat station. (please do not share the details of the topic with your children yet, as it will take away the wonder and surprise element for them). He is a soft toy character from the lifeboat charity and they also have a life-size one that we hope to meet at the end of the summer term.

Stormy Stan will come to nursery to ask the children to help look after the coast and protect the creatures and plant life that lives there.

We will be taking part in activities and outings around this topic and at times, with other nurseries giving the children opportunities to meet new friends they will start school with.

We have some loose plans, and we would love your input for ideas of activities and outings, so please do not be shy in putting them forward. We will also be planning from the children's ideas and knowledge so that is why it won't be too set in stone at this time.

We will have 4 outings to Ganavan in the run up to the Easter break, details will follow once the buses are confirmed.

Our outing plans include:

Outings to the beach, hill and cycle path at Ganavan.

Trip to the Northern Lighthouse Board to learn about the purpose of the lighthouses and how the work to keep ships safe.

Trip to Dunstaffnage Castle grounds and shoreline (cost dependent)

We will be learning about:

Coastal safety services such as the lifeboat, Coastguard, and Lighthouses

The importance of keeping our beaches and shorelines clean, and the impact this can have on the sea life.

We will be celebrating Outdoor Classroom Day with all the other nurseries out at Stramash in May, where we will come together to explore the Stramash site and enjoy a Bookbug session and hopefully a visit from Bookbug himself.

We have a transition picnic planned for June for all the schools and nurseries involved to attend, we hope to have the Coastguard and Lifeboat stations represented at this (this will be a surprise for the children) all being well and they are not on a callout.

We also hope to have a family beach clean for all the nurseries on a Sunday, so we hope lots of you will be able to attend, you can bring other family members along to help you!

Lots of information! We will be giving you it with dates and more detail as we have confirmation of our plans. Please don't forget we really do want your input, maybe if you have any particular skills that would be helpful during the topic we could have you come in and do a small group activity with the children, anything at all would be fantastic!

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All of this is in addition to usual transition arrangement schools have in place such as visits, lunch etc. These will still all go ahead as usual.

Future date for your diary (to be confirmed). Our Transition Party will take place on 1st October 2020 between 3.45 and 5.30pm in Glencruitten Church Hall. You are invited to come and see all the work the children have been doing before the summer break and how they carried the topic forward since starting P1.

There will be activities, and a Bookbug session to enjoy too.

All schools and nurseries will; be invited to attend and show their work.

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