



# PLANKTON CLASS

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## HOW IT'S MADE ~ FACTORIES!

Year One had a huge number of suggestions for our next topic and, after lots of voting, we have selected 'How it's made ~ factories'.

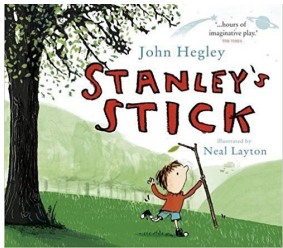
The children want to learn how everyday items are made and we will look at how items have changed over time, such as food, furniture and toys. We will find out how other cultures create items too, so we can discuss the similarities and differences. If you have any older items you would like to share with us, please send them in (e.g. old mobile phones, matchbox cars, a typewriter or homemade clothing).

### **Our School Values:**

Show Respect! Learn Together!

Try Your Best!





## LITERACY

This half term, we will be finishing learning all our phonemes before beginning our 'adjacent consonants' (*what we used to call blends: nk, lk, lf, etc.*) There will be home learning available on ItsLearning for phonics. We will continue to develop our story writing skills, using two texts - Stanley's Stick and Toys in Space!

Please continue reading at home every day - all research shows that this is essential for developing great readers.

## SCIENCE

Our topic is fabulous for learning about changing materials. We will be squashing, bending, twisting and stretching materials. We will be working scientifically by comparing what happened to what we predicted and using our prior knowledge to build strong scientific concepts.

## HISTORY

Focusing on sequencing events using pictures, the class will recognise differences between their own lives and the lives of others (past and present). They will ask and answer questions about the past, using artefacts to help them to consider how lives have changed.

## PE

MSR continues on Tuesdays and we have another session on Thursdays. Forest School is on Wednesdays - we will go in poorer weather over winter, so please ensure children have a good coat and wellies in school. This half term, PE will focus on the topics of dance and kicking balls for accuracy.

## RE

Celebrations and Manx traditions is this half term's topics for RE with Mrs Trimble.

## METACOGNITION & VALUES

Our Metacognition curriculum offers a variety of skills based learning experiences that help children to become emotionally literate and develop an understanding of how they learn best. We do this through our school values and encouraging our learners to build their social, emotional, physical and moral wellbeing.

## MATHS

Continuing our addition and subtraction learning, we will be writing number sentences and building our understanding of fact families before learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

## GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, Year 1 will be finding countries on a map of the world and using maps of the Isle of Man to find our school. We will find factories nearby and look changing our classroom into a factory by drawing a map of the layout!

## MUSIC

We are going to listen to music and start using musical vocabulary to describe the tempo and dynamics with Mrs Trimble.

## PSHE

Our unit is called 'Me and My World' and through this we will learn about Manx traditions in celebrations and discuss what it means to live on the Isle of Man.

## ART & DT

This half term we are going to use textiles to create art and then experiment with printmaking for card making in December!

## ICT

By creating short animations, the children will learn to use simple backgrounds, hold our devices correctly and review their work with their friends.

