



Inspiring Changemakers:

Year 6 finally had the chance to visit Lundy last Thursday (after the crossing being cancelled twice earlier in the year). This was the 3rd time we have been fortunate enough to run this trip and it never fails to inspire awe and wonder.

Meeting at Bideford Quay at 6:30 am, we enjoyed a calm crossing with sightings of harbour porpoises. The inspiring adventurers walked over 13km across the island, learning about the conservation of this AONB and seeing seals, peregrines, gannets and of course the famous Lundy Puffins. Thanks to Mrs Fidler and Mrs Barkwill for organising and running such a fab trip. I think they have finally both warmed up!



Community updates:



Year 3 have been invited to visit Kenwith Care Home over the coming weeks to take part in a range of activities with the residents. We are looking forward to visiting them and doing some gardening, reading, singing and crafts as well as hosting them back at St Helen's. We are excited to build relationships with some of the more elderly members of our community and we really hope the residents enjoy it as much as we do!

Key learning this week:

This week, we focus on our learning in maths. There is so much going on across the school and I am so proud of everything the children achieve and the progress they make from their starting points.

Year 6 have been learning about ratio and proportion. Year 5 have finished a unit on decimals and percentages and have moved on to shapes. In Year 4, learning has been focused on money and they have now moved on to time. Year 3 have been thinking hard about finding fractions of amounts and Mr Kent has made some excellent teaching prompts using <https://www.riffusion.com>

In Year 2 the focus has been on measurement. Year 1 have been thinking about multiplication and division while Reception continue to build their fluency and concept of number.

What's new?

We are thrilled to announce that we now have our resource base up and running. We were successful in our bid for grant funding (after a rigorous process!), Sarah Walton, our specialist teacher of SEND will run the hub across St Helen's as well as Clinton and Dolton on a trial basis until March 2025. This means that we can offer alternative provision such as forest school, Lego Therapy and much more, enabling all to flourish.