



## Primary 2 Class News

**October 2026**

Here are P2 in the stunning environment of our school and Stromness with the Hamnavoe in the background.



### **Literacy News**

The children have made a super start in Literacy lessons. In Phonics we have now reviewed the Initial Code of Sounds Write (letter sounds) and the Bridging Unit eg sh,ch, th.wh and now we are starting to work through the units of the Extended Code which teaches all the different spellings of the same sound eg ai= ai/a-e/ay/eigh.

Everyone is working hard to put their phonic knowledge into practise when spelling- well done!

In our Reading lessons we have been learning how to predict and find information from the text 'Commotion in the Ocean'. We are also learning to read with more expression and fluency.

In Writing we are using the Pathways to Write text 'Lost and Found'. We have been focussing on the skills of sentence writing including punctuation and remembering our finger spaces! We ended by writing our own story based on the book.

We are working hard on our letter formation and handwriting so that we can learn how to join later in the year.

### **Maths News**

In Maths this term we have been continuing to work on our understanding of Number to 100 and making sure we have a clear knowledge of place value on which to build for the coming terms. We are practising our mental maths skills to help us become faster with calculations.

We have been working on shape, space and measure with Miss Marcus which everyone is enjoying. It is providing us with lots of opportunity for creative activities.

### **Wider Curricular News**

In other areas, the children have been working on the topic of Oceans which links with the Reading and Writing texts. The children are enjoying working together in small groups, researching different aspects of Oceans of their own choice.

Miss Marcus is teaching the children French and they are enjoying meeting Camembert, our friendly bear and learning basic French words, phrases and learning about French lifestyle.

We have now completed the first year of activity afternoon sessions and the children have now made friends from other classes. It has been fun to change groups and experience new activities.

The class have been mindful of our Learning Behaviours and how they help us to make good choices. They love being able to look after the Learning Behaviour animals when they demonstrate these behaviours in class. We have four animals, they are May the Motivated Puffin, Isla the Independent Owl, Rhona the Responsible Orca and Rosie the Resilient Bee.

### **Celebrations**

So far this year the Star of the Week has been: **Ivy**

Work of the Week has been: **Louis**

**Morven** and **Halle** are doing a fine job representing our class as school council representatives and were part of the assembly on Ready, Respectful and Safe presented by the Pupil Council.

Well done to Louis who was nominated to attend Mrs Robinson's tea party.

**We enjoyed a visit from some scientists from Edinburgh as part of the Science Week. We had lots of fun mixing vinegar and baking soda to create a reaction!**



**Here is George putting one of the final touches to the painting with Ingrid Grieve which will be installed in the library. All children in the school have had a turn at painting with Ingrid during our Activity Afternoons during the last year.**





**Halle and Morven wearing their new pupil council badges.**