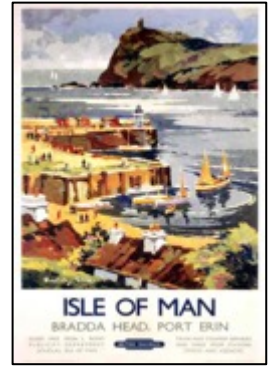




Rushen Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year holiday. Lots of children told me the fun they had over the Christmas period. We are well into the Spring Term now and it is full steam ahead with our learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many parents, grandparents and family members who have supported the school with events or trips. The children and staff really appreciate your support and commitment.

Ms Owens, Headteacher

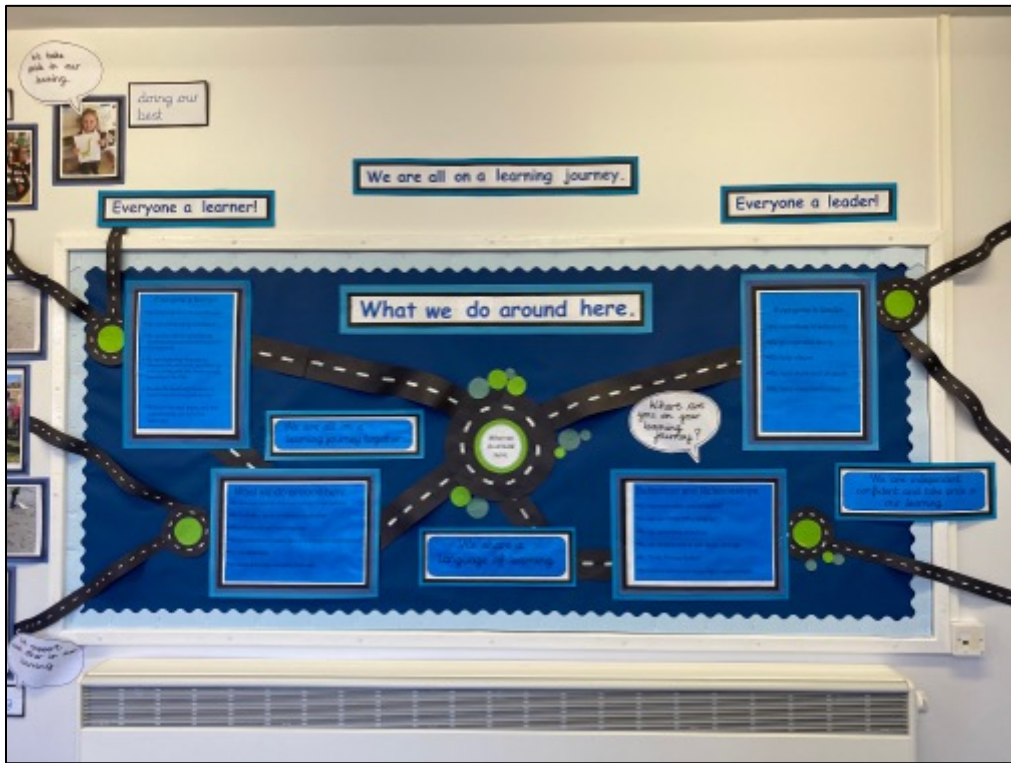
6Rs

This half term's 6R focus is 'Resilience':

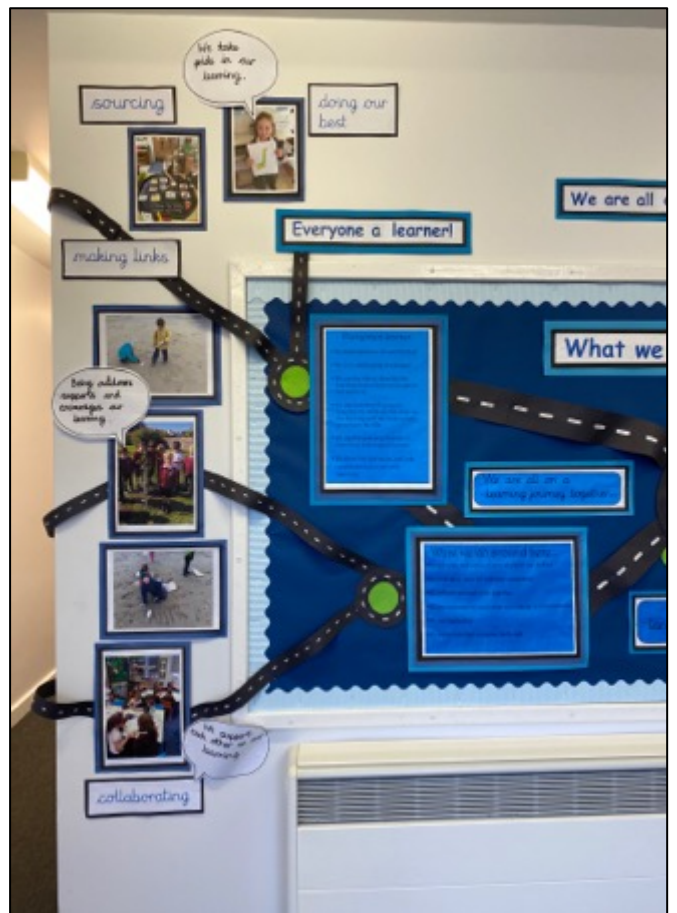
- ★ I keep going until I find the answer to a question.
- ★ I like to hear what people say about the things I have done.
- ★ I find other people's advice helpful and useful.
- ★ If I cannot work out how to do something one way, I'll try a different idea.
- ★ I am prepared to take risks.
- ★ I learn from my mistakes.

What we do around here...

We have spent the last couple of academic years working out 'what we do around here... at Rushen Primary School'. This is our vision and is based on what we (pupils, staff, Governors and the whole school community) believe is important to us. It is about what we aspire to and the sort of people we want to be, and it explains what we do to demonstrate this on a day to day basis. Mrs Shaw and the School Council have worked closely with the children and teachers from all classes to produce a display to explain this in our entrance hall. I have included photos of the display below and if you happen to be in school, please have a look.



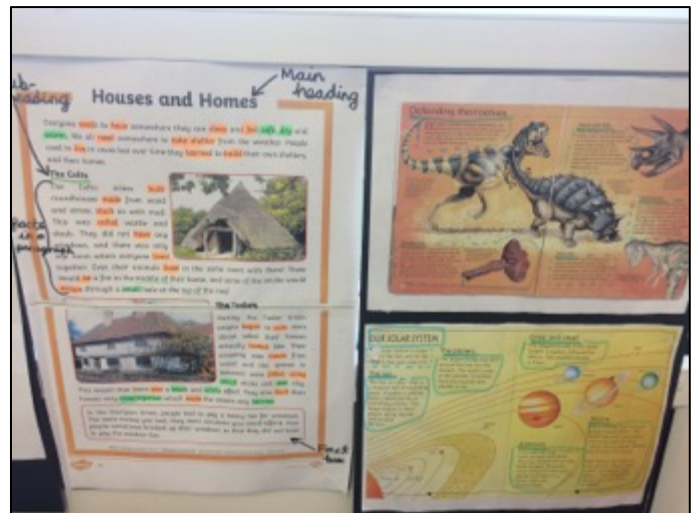
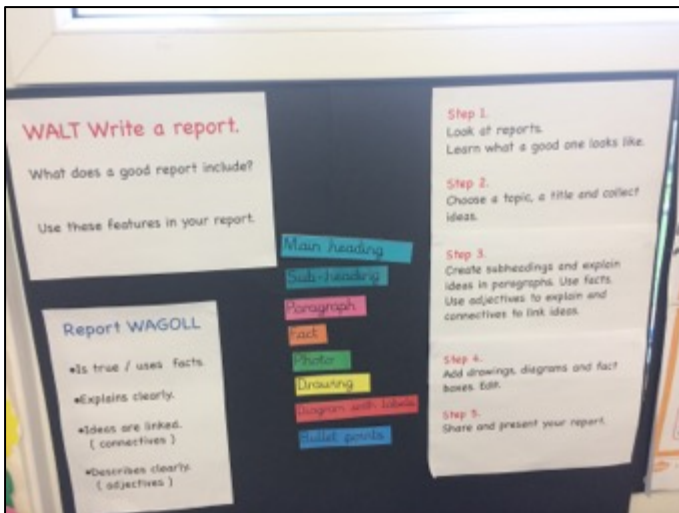
We have included photographs which show the children demonstrating 'What we do around here...'

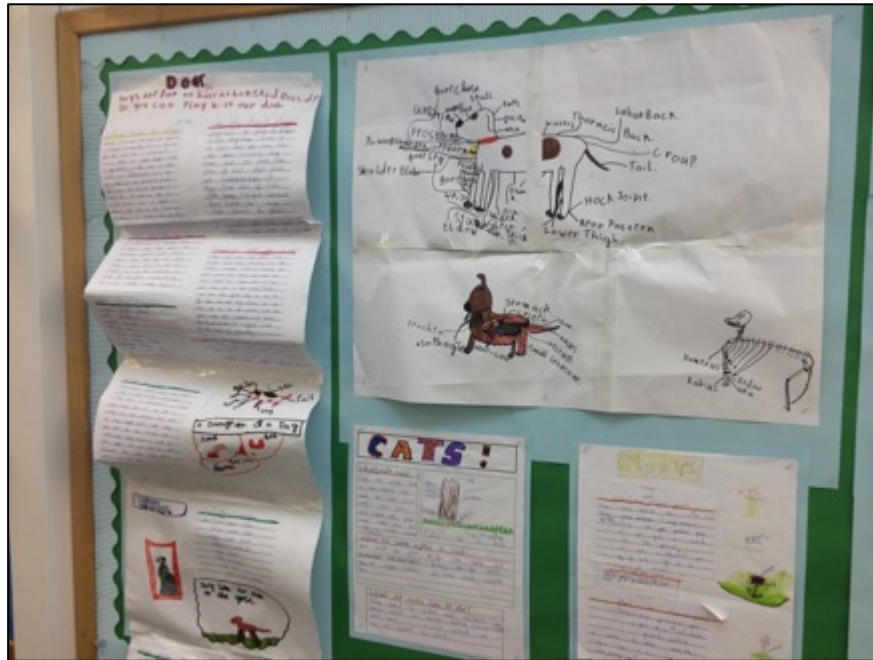




Marown Class

Marown class have enjoyed reading non-fiction texts to learn what good report writing looks like. The children learned how to write a report and chose their own subject to write about and became engrossed in presenting their learning.





Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evening will be taking place next half term as usual. Further details to follow. All parents will have had the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher either on a Thursday morning by appointment or by arrangement after school, before the Parents' Evening.

Uniform

Thank you for the children's smart uniforms. There are just a few issues:

- ✓ Please ensure that the children are wearing their black school shoes as many children are wearing trainers – all footwear should be black only
- ✓ Earrings should only be plain studs and not hoops or other designs
- ✓ Headbands and hair ties should be plain and simple

Newsletters and School-home communication - reminder

Just a reminder that we have communicated with parents in a variety of ways, this academic year. Newsletters are sent home each month with a comprehensive list of issues, information and visits etc. We will only send a Newsletter when we have enough information to include. This means the Newsletter could be sent any time during each month and this cuts down on unnecessary letters, although we will send supplementary letters if required. Thank you again for the continued positive feedback regarding the Newsletters, which are a lovely record of what the children have learned and experienced. Parents are also provided with a class curriculum overview for the term, which some enjoy sharing with their children. There have been many opportunities to attend events at school, including performances, assemblies and parents' meetings. Don't forget that Thursday mornings are available for parent appointments to see the class teacher. If you need to speak to the class teacher (who is the first contact) and are unable to meet after school, please telephone and leave a message and teachers will get back to you.

Events/Visitors

Fairtrade

Four children, representatives of the Fairtrade group, went to Douglas to represent Rushen Primary School at a Fairtrade day. They enjoyed listening to talks and completing workshops about Fairtrade. They have come away very inspired and look forward to conferring with the whole group to decide on the Fairtrade events theme for the school.



Junior Achievement Year 6

Junior Achievement visited Y6 earlier this half term and the children enjoyed many practical activities, learning about teamwork and collaboration as well as enterprise activities focused on business. The children said that they thoroughly enjoyed the session, so much so, they didn't want to go out to afternoon play!

Football

The girls' football club recently had a visit from an ex-pupil (Sarah Wignall) who has been away studying in America and playing football out there. The girls saw a video of her playing in several games including playing for the Island team.

She kindly took the session, sharing her expertise and knowledge. The girls were very enthusiastic and full of questions for her.



Learning in the EYFS



Culture Vannin

Dr Breesha Maddrell from Culture Vannin, visited Malew Class to teach them an introduction to playing the penny whistle. It was a bit tricky getting all the notes right!

Manx Youth Games 2020

Our MSR (Manx, Sport and Recreation) coach spoke to the children in Assembly about the Manx Youth Games 2020. All our pupils have been given a MYG leaflet to bring home this week.

<https://msr.gov.im/sports-development-unit/manx-youth-games/>

The Manx Youth Games supported by HSBC is the biggest multi-sport event for children on the Isle of Man which attracts over 1000 participants in 15 different sports. It is open to children in school Year 2 - 10. The Manx Youth Games event itself is held in May each year but weekly training sessions also take place around the Island in preparation for the event from January.

TRAINING SESSIONS



This year the training sessions will commence on Monday 27th January and the event itself will take place on Saturday 16th May 2020. Training sessions in 15 different sports take place every week in all 5 regions of the Island (North, South, East South, East North, and West) so there are plenty of opportunities for children to get involved in sport.

After all the hard work and effort put into the weekly training sessions, children come together on the day of the Manx Youth Games to put their new skills into action against teams from the other regions of the Island. The training sessions will commence Monday

27th January 2020.

ON THE DAY The day begins with an opening ceremony at the NSC with all participants marching onto the track in their brightly coloured t-shirts representing the team they are competing for:

Red – North, Orange – South, Blue – West, Green - Douglas South, Yellow - Douglas North.

The highlight of the opening ceremony is the group warm up which takes place to music in front of the packed grandstand. Children then move off to different venues to compete in their respective sports.

Each of the sports then finishes the day with a presentation of medals to all of the participants

If you have any questions or would like any more information please contact Gianni Epifani on 688556.



Community Partnerships (Adoption of Port Erin Beach)

On Wednesday the 29th of January Malew and Braddan classes went to the beach to learn about the coastal features as this was part of their topic, 'Intrepid Explorers.' We had three activities - the first was to sketch, label and explain coastal landforms. The second was to learn about erosion and the third was to focus on creative writing as if you were going sailing (Lola and Kaya).



Year 6 Transition

We welcomed Castle Rushen High School staff to our school to talk to pupils and parents about the arrangements for next year. They were told all about the school and the staff answered questions for them. Over the next 2 terms there will be many opportunities for the Y6 children to visit and experience some of the lessons as well as meet teachers. The open evening is at CRHS on Thursday 6th February for children and parents and starts at 6pm.

Dinner Money

The cost of school dinners for the second half of term is £69.00. Dinner money is payable to the Isle of Man Government and must be paid for in advance. Please would you check your Parent Pay account regularly to ensure it is in credit.

Term Dates

Thursday 13th February 2020	Andreas Class Assembly	9.00am parents and guardians are invited to attend.
Thursday 5th March 2020	Ballaugh Class Assembly	9.00am parents and guardians are invited to attend.
Thursday 19th March 2020	Lonan Class Assembly	9.00am parents and guardians are invited to attend.
Thursday 2nd April	Marown Class Assembly	9.00am parents and guardians are invited to attend.

School will close for half term at 15.30 on Friday 14th February, 2020.

School will re-open on Monday 24th February, 2020.