

History



Find out about Shore Cottage's past...

Hello, welcome to Berriedale! My name is Jamesina Dixon and I'm 10 years old. I have lived here in **Shore Cottage** with my mum, Anne, and my Uncle James, since I was born in 1841. My uncle is a salmon fisherman and my mum is a **laundress** (say lawn-dress).

I really love living here. Other children live in the row of cottages too and we play together on the shore, jumping the waves and looking out for seals. Have you seen any during your time here? How many?

During the salmon fishing season, which runs from October to February, Uncle James lets me tag along to help him lay the nets. He tells me that this area is brilliant for salmon fishing because of the river here. Salmon swim from the sea into the river to **spawn** (say sp-orn) and on their way, they get caught up in Uncle James' nets.

Facts:

A **laundress** is a woman who employed to wash clothes and linens.

To **spawn** is to lay eggs.



Have you ever eaten salmon before? It's delicious – I like to eat it with baby potatoes, yum! What's your favourite dinner?

Mum says that the cottages at Berriedale were built specially for fisherman like my uncle. The owner of the estate, Donald Horne, wanted to encourage fishermen to stay here all year round. The salmon fishing season is quite short and so often people moved on to look for other work once the season had finished. Mr Horne thought if they had a nice place to live, they wouldn't want to leave, and could help with other jobs on the estate when the salmon had gone back to the sea.

Have a go at colouring in this salmon – there may be a book on the bookshelf that will help you choose which colours the fish should be.





Facts:

A **merchant** is a person who trades in goods. They buy from farmers, fishermen or crafters and sell on to their customers.

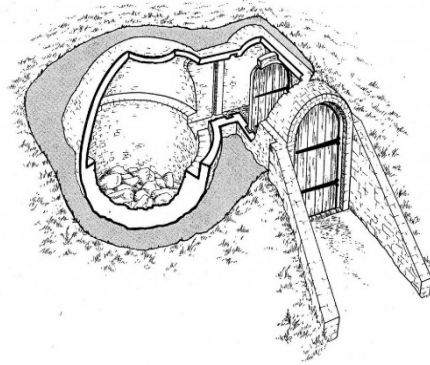
A **porpoise** is a mammal that lives in the sea. It looks a little like a dolphin but it's actually part of the whale family!

The ice house is where the fishermen store the salmon – they put the fish into crates of ice to keep them fresh when they get sent by boat to London to be sold on by **merchants**. Huge blocks of ice are taken from inland **lochs** (say *locks*) when they freeze in winter and put in the ice house to keep the fish cool.

Have you been up to the ruined castle on the cliff yet? It was built hundreds of years ago by Sir Reginald Cheyne. I love sitting and watching the waves crashing onto the shore below. Sometimes we see groups of **porpoises** (say *por-poy-ses*) jumping out of the ocean – amazing! Have you seen any yet?

The sunrises are beautiful here. I like to sit with my bowl of breakfast porridge and watch the sun rise up from the sea. Why don't you draw a picture below of a sunrise, or of some porpoises leaping through the waves?

When I'm not busy helping my uncle out with his nets, I like exploring the shore here. Mr friends from next door and I play hide and seek. When my uncle isn't looking, my favourite place to hide is in the ice house, although it is very cold and a bit damp!



Here is a cross section of an ice house – it is part built into the earth. This helped keep the ice from melting.



Learn more about the ‘ Highland Clearances’...

The Highland Clearances lasted from about 1785 until 1900. They were a very sad and difficult time in Scotland. Landlords decided they wanted to use their land and mountains for sheep farming, but there were many little farms or crofts on them. So they sent in their men to ‘clear’ the crofters – drive them off their little farms where they had farmed for generations.



A clearance at the end of the 1900s, showing a family being thrown out of their home.

The Clearances were very unpopular. Often the cottages were burnt down or destroyed to stop the crofters returning to their homes. People had to move to the coasts, and many emigrated to America or Canada. Many others learnt how to work in the fishing industry, like here at Berriedale.

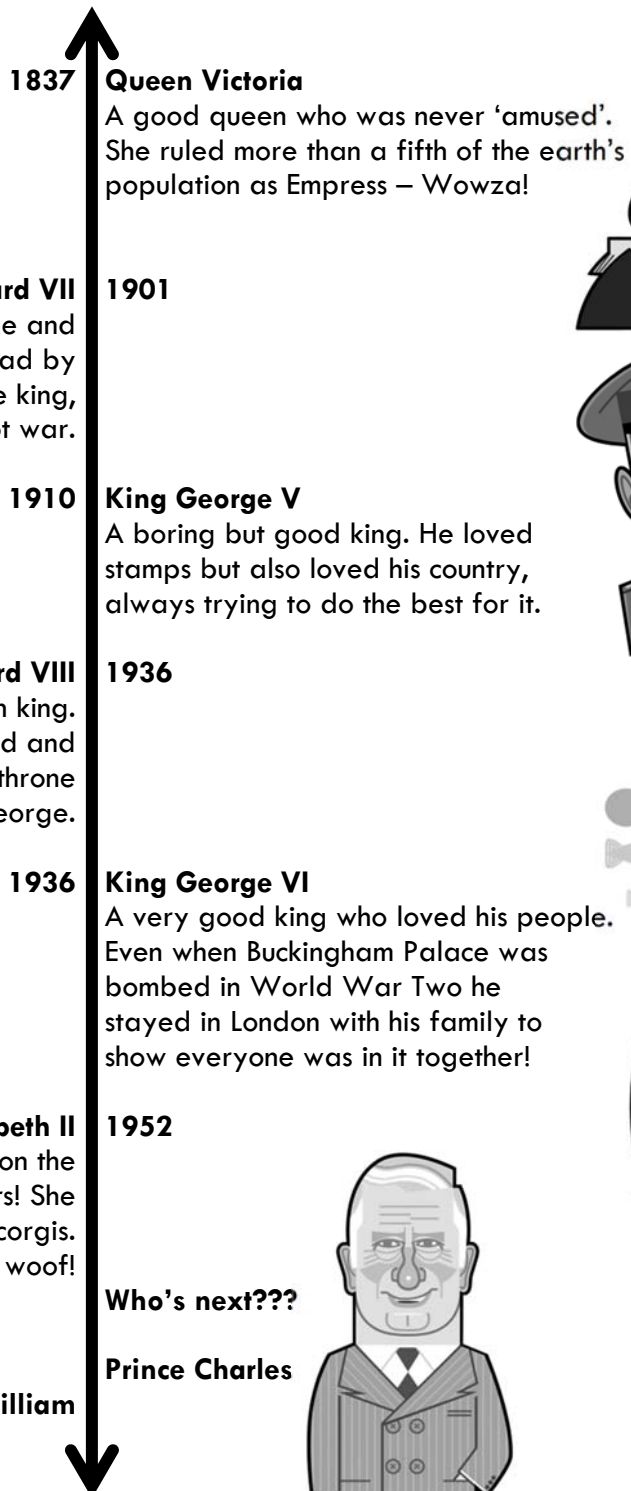
Sir John Sinclair built nice new cottages for the lucky ones here on The Shore, but at nearby Badbea high up on the cliffs, little children and animals had to be tied by a rope to posts, to stop them falling off the cliff. How would you feel about that?

Even today many people are very angry about The Highland Clearances.

Unruly Rulers

Who were the Saxe-Coburgs and Windsors?

Saxe-Coburg was the surname of German Prince Albert who was Queen Victoria's husband. When Victoria died **Saxe-Coburg** continued as the royal family surname. It changed to **Windsor** in 1917 because England was fighting against Germany in World War One and the King was worried British people wouldn't like a German royal family anymore - so he changed them to **Windsors**, after the castle.





Meet Queen Victoria

– who ruled when the Shore Cottages were built.



Hi Vicky!

So when did you become queen?

I became queen on the 20 June 1837 when I was 18.

What's your nickname?

Some people call me The Grandmother of Europe. I had 9 children who married different European princes and princesses. I had 42 grandchildren in total!

What is your favourite thing to do?

I loved visiting Scotland. I even built a castle so that I could go all the time!

What is the naughtiest thing you've ever done?

How dare you, I am never naughty. Everyone must be well behaved at all times.

Fact:

Did you know that before 1707 Scotland and England were separate states that shared a King? When Queen Elizabeth I died in 1603, King James VI of Scotland also became King James I of England and from then on England and Scotland always had the same King or Queen.

Up until 1707 England and Scotland had different governments and laws. In 1707 both governments passed an act called the **Acts of Union** that joined England and Scotland as one to become The United Kingdom.



What do The Shore Cottages look like?

Can you walk all the way around them?

Can you use any of these words to describe the building? Draw a circle around the ones that do.

Do the Shore Cottages look like other buildings in the area? What's different about them?

Castle

Pretty

Stone

Symmetrical

Square

Friendly

Tall

Industrial

Brick

Home

Elegant

Low

The Shore Cottages were built around 1841 by Donald Horne. He inherited the Langwell Estate from his uncle, James. As the salmon fishing trade increased, Donald wanted to create homes for fishermen so they would stay on after the short salmon fishing season. The ice-house and bothy were built at around the same time to support the fishing trade.

These houses were modern in comparison to those that were here before. Many houses in Scotland had roofs made from turf! Then improved transport meant better building materials could be brought. What are the Shore Cottages roofs made from now? _____



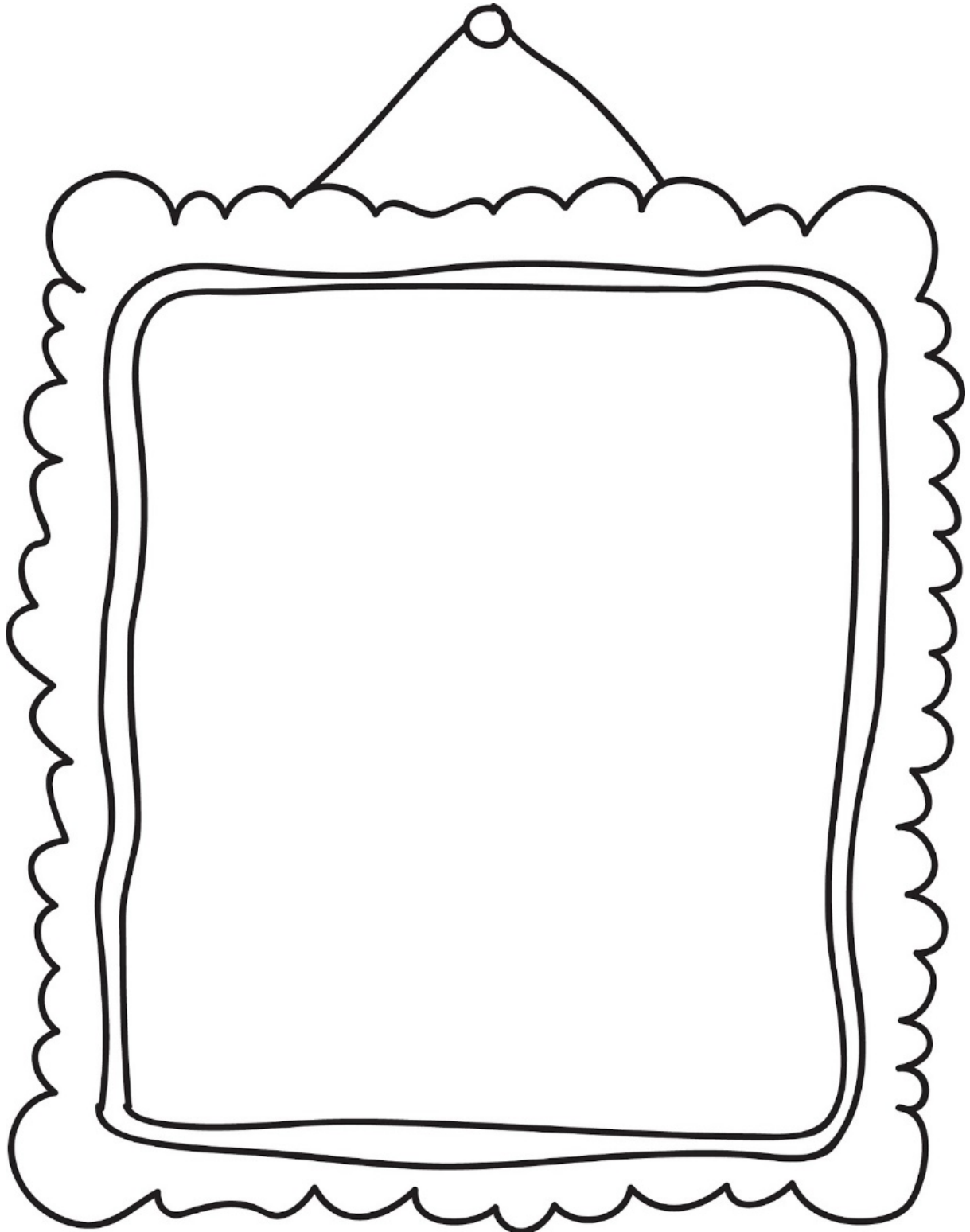
In 1884 the cottages were “modernised” to look more like the ones you see today. Their floor levels were raised – probably because the water came in when there was a really high tide. Wooden panelling was also added to the walls inside to make the cottages warmer. The wood for this panelling came from the new sawmill which opened on the estate around the same time – estate owners like Donald Horne made money from planting trees as well as fishing.



Buildings are quite easy to draw. They are usually made up of lots of geometric shapes, like squares, triangles and circles.

Have a go at drawing the front of The Shore Cottages.

Please tell an adult where you are going so they don't worry about where you are!



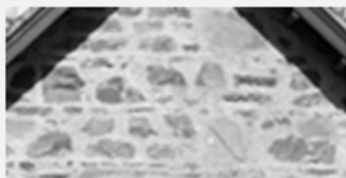


What are The Shore Cottages built from?

Fact:

Some buildings were built from stone that was dug out of the ground when farmers ploughed the fields, other buildings were made from stone that was dug out of **quarries** and cut into neat shapes and sizes. There are still many stone quarries around the country today, where people get stone out of the ground.

The Shore Cottages are built from local stone. The stones have been dug out of the ground or found. Each stone is different in size. This is called **rubble stone**.



Stone is the solid foundation of the earth. It exists as huge mountains, rocks, stones or small pebbles washed smooth by water. There are lots of different types of stone, with different colours and textures. Some are better to build with than others.



Stone used to be taken out of the ground by hand. Today, a quarry is a place where stone is blasted out of the ground with explosives! The one in the picture shows what quarries look like now.

What other building materials can you find outside and inside The Shore Cottages?

Circle what you can see and note down where you found them.

Stone

Glass

Wood

Plastic

Metal

Clay

Flint

Concrete

Brick

Ceramic

Quest



Discover more about The Shore Cottages

There has been a settlement at Berriedale from as far back as the 14th Century. Much has changed since that time. Follow this Quest to discover more about it.

Can you find the ruined castle?

Remember to take an adult with you!

This castle stands on the headland which was fortified in the 14th Century. It was ruined by the time the cottages were built here.



Have you found the ice house yet?

The ice house was where the fisherman stored the fish until it was sold to the merchants. It was packed in crushed ice to keep it cool and fresh.



Go to the entrance of the cottages...

Look closely, can you see the names carved into the stone? One reads A.Bruce – could this have been Jamesina's mother, Anne?

Can you make out the other?

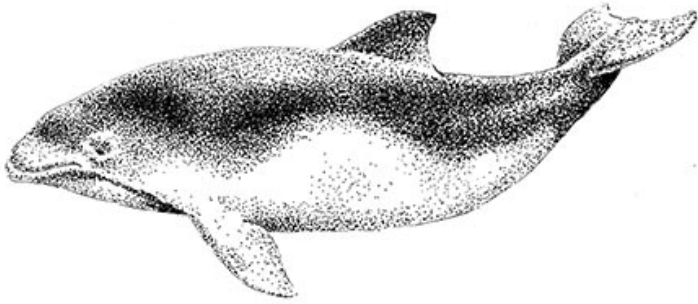


Have you found anything else interesting on your quest? Why not draw a picture of it in the box.

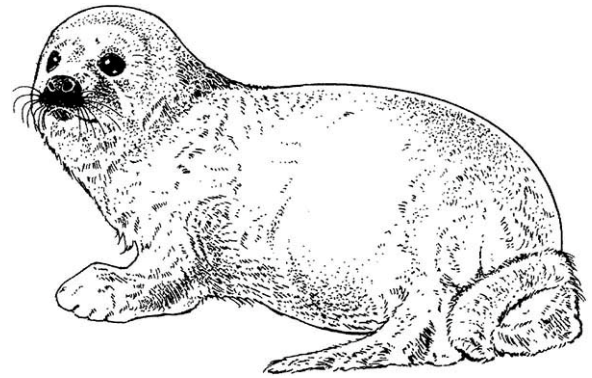




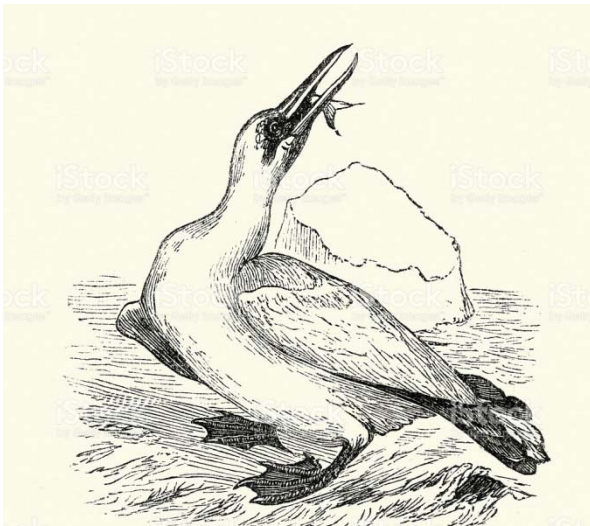
There's lots of wildlife here at Berriedale. Whilst you're here you might spot some of these.



Porpoises



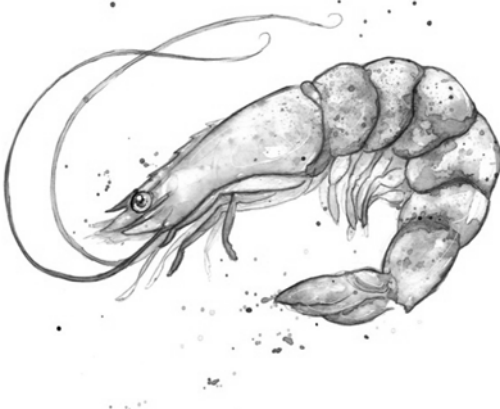
Seals



Gannets



Mussels



Prawns



Rabbits

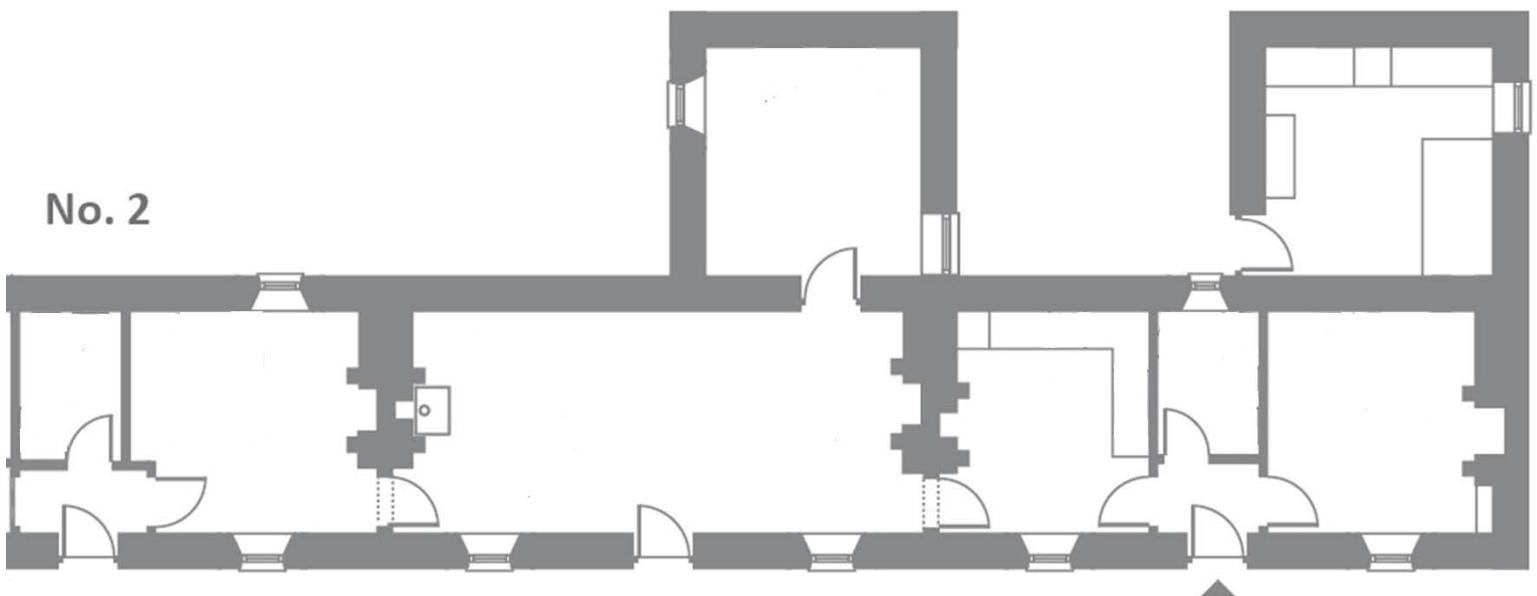


Living in The Shore Cottages

The Shore Cottages are now split into two. This floorplan shows Shore Cottage No. 2 and is a map of the rooms. The plan below shows you the shape of each room. Take a walk around and write on the plan what each room is used for. Mark the bedroom you are sleeping in with a star.



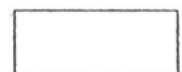
Ground Floor



We use these symbols to show where beds, tables and bathrooms are. Draw the symbols on to the floorplans to show where the furniture is.



Bed



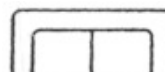
Rectangular (or a round) table



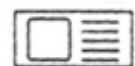
Bathroom



Cooker



Sofa



Kitchen sink



Can you find an example of each of these things inside Shore Cottage, Berriedale. Describe, or draw the object when you find it.

Your favourite piece of furniture

A large empty rectangular box for drawing or describing a favourite piece of furniture.

The fireplace (is it an open fire or does it have a stove?)

A large empty rectangular box for drawing or describing a fireplace.

Draw the pattern of a rug on the floor

A large empty rectangular box for drawing the pattern of a rug on the floor.

In the box below, draw the view from your bedroom window. Can you see any seabirds? Any seals?

A large empty rectangular box for drawing the view from a bedroom window, including seabirds and seals.



Have you ever heard of a Kelpie?

According to Scottish legend a 'kelpie' is a shape-shifting creature that lives in lochs, pools and rivers.

Fairy stories tell of horse-like creatures with mermaid tails and manes of serpents, who are able to change into human form.

Why not have a look on the bookshelf to see if you can find a book to tell you more about these mythical creatures?

Perhaps you'd like to draw your own version in the box below? Or even write your own story involving a kelpie.



Puzzle



Berriedale Word Search

Now have a go at the word search. Think about different parts of the building and the surrounding area. The words to find are at the bottom of the page.

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U J V E P I S E H I G I Q
S N E E J S M A T N A F C
Q P O N S O M K L S T D A
D O O W T F I R D M T U S
S F S E D I M S S H O H T
N L X T F N E A E W C N L
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SALMON
CASTLE
PEBBLES
REMOTE
SCOTLAND

SEA
SEAL
NETS
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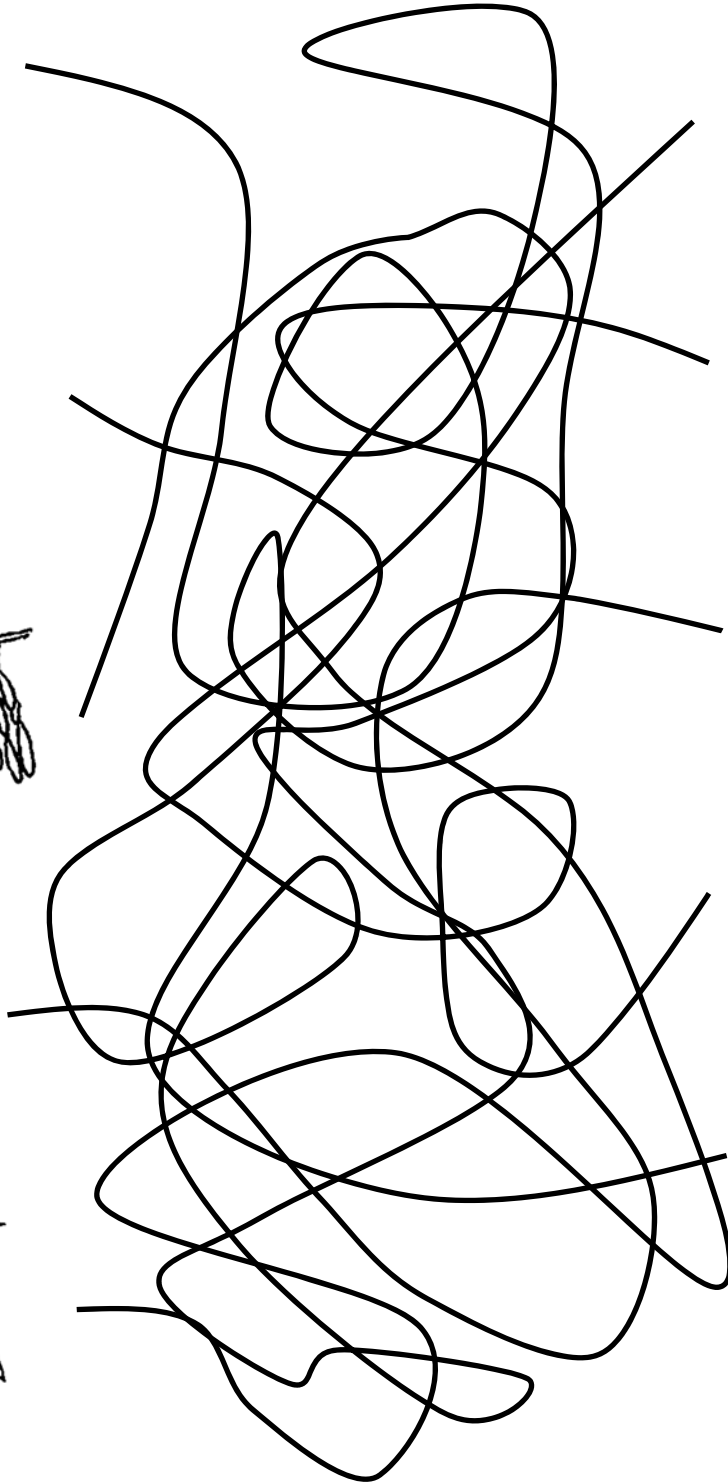
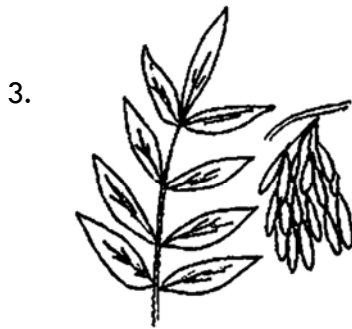
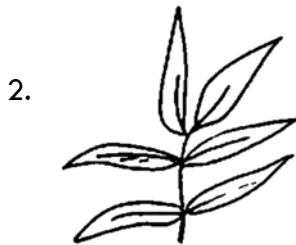
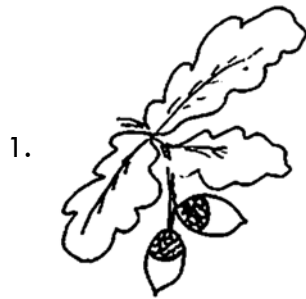
How many of these words did you find? Put your score in the box.

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20



Which leaf belongs to which tree?

Match the leaf to the correct tree.



Horse Chestnut

Willow

Pine

Ash

Oak

Did you match them correctly? Put your score in the box.

Look out for these when you go for a walk!



Can you answer these questions correctly?

1. What is the Capital of Scotland?

Glasgow

Inverness

Edinburgh

Fife

2. What is the name of the skirt that men wear in Scotland?

Scot-skirt

Kilt

Milt

Kimono

3. What does loch mean?

Hill

Lake

River

Mountain

4. What is the name of the highest mountain in Scotland?

Ben Nevis

Matt Tenant

Mount Scot

Arthur's Seat

5. What is haggis?

A hat

A county

A traditional Scottish food

A musical instrument

6. What is the old spoken language of Scotland?

Gaelic

Celtic

Gallic

Latin

7. What is a 'kelpie'?

A type of seaweed

A mythical creature

A traditional dance

A Scottish pie

8. What colours are in Scotland's flag?

Blue and white

Red and white

Blue and red

Blue and yellow

9. What do Scottish people traditionally have for breakfast?

Bacon and eggs

Waffles

Porridge

Fruit and yogurt

To find the answers turn over...

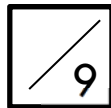


Answer sheet:

Question & Answer:

1. Edinburgh
2. Kilt
3. Lake
4. Ben Nevis
5. A traditional Scottish food
6. Gaelic
7. A mythical creature
8. Blue and white
9. Porridge

How many did you get right?



Fact:

Believe it or not in Scotland it is normal for men to wear skirts. These skirts are called **Kilts**. A **kilt** is made from a woollen cloth that is in a tartan pattern.

It was traditional for men wearing a **kilt** to not wear any pants! Ewww.

Originally a kilt was 5 meters long and was worn as a skirt with lots of pleats. Any leftover material was pinned over the left shoulder.



Colour in the bag pipe player below.

Fact:

A **Bagpipe** is a wind instrument. They used to be made from the skin of an animal, turned inside out. Yuk!



Design your own Scottish home

Imagine you are a Scottish Laird or Lady who wants to build a new home. What type of home would you have? A tower, a castle, a manor or a mansion? Draw your dream Scottish home below. Would it be by the sea or up in the mountains?



Bake some shortbread

Shortbread was originally a Scottish medieval biscuit bread. The left over ingredients from the bread was made into biscuits. Through time butter was added to make the shortbread that we have today. Butter was an expensive ingredient so shortbreads became a special treat for special occasions like Christmas.

Here's a simple recipe for you to try. You might need the help of an adult.

200g plain flour

50g caster sugar plus extra for sprinkling

75g fine semolina

Zest of ½ lemon

160g cold unsalted butter

Pinch of salt

Remember to pre-heat the oven: fan 150 °C or electric 170 °C: Gas 3.5

- Grease a shallow cake tin
- Mix the flour, caster sugar, semolina and a pinch of salt in a bowl
- Add the lemon zest and butter and rub them into the mixture until it feels like breadcrumbs
- Lightly press the mixture into the cake tin (don't press it in too much). Use a knife to draw the lines where you want it to break when it's cooked and prick it all over with a fork.
- Bake for 30-35 minutes until golden
- Leave to cool and then sprinkle some sugar on top
- Carefully cut into fingers or slices along your lines and then they're ready to eat!





Changing faces of salmon fishing...

When the Shore Cottages were built, salmon would have been caught using large nets. Nowadays fishermen prefer to fish for salmon using the fly method. No silly, this doesn't mean they fly to catch the fish! Fly-fishing is given its name from the bait that is used to catch the fish. Fake flies are made using feathers, cotton and other materials. They imitate what the fish would usually eat – different types of bugs.

Have a look at the 'flies' below and see if you can make your own from things you find on the beach outside Shore Cottage. Don't worry that you haven't got a hook – you could use a twig instead.



