



# ISLE OF RUM

**Collectively completed by P1-7 learners at Rum  
Primary School (March, 2024)**

# GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

The Isle of Rum is located in the Atlantic ocean, at the coordinates  $57.00952^{\circ}$  north and  $6.3239^{\circ}$  west. You can get here by boat, which comes from Mallaig. In the winter the boat is cancelled most of the time, from different causes, such as the weather or a technical difficulty.





# HISTORY

**By Beł & Dougał (P4)**



# CASTLE

Kinloch castle is 127 years old, and made of sandstone and granite. George Bullough built the castle, and used the island as his racetrack. Now on Rum there are the friends that keep the castle clean.



# SCHOOL

The school used to be a church, and it is the building you see first. It be found shortly after you leave the pier.

There are 7 children including nursery, and 4 staff. Mr stephen, Miss Panek, Lauren and Kate.



# NEW HOUSING

The new houses here are eco-friendly, equipped with solar panels that provide some of the heating and hot water. The Mowi houses are here too. They were built to encourage new people to live on Rum.





# LIVING IN RUM

By Dylan (P7)



# DAILY LIFE

Living on Rum is quite different from the mainland, as there is only one very small shop, and a tiny little school with only 7 pupils. There is a ferry that comes most days, but in the Winter sometimes it doesn't come because of the horrible weather. Derick delivers the post on his bike, and sometimes the post doesn't come because the boat is cancelled. Most days in Winter the weather is terrible and rainy. But in Summer it is quite warm.





# COMMUNITY

The community here consists of 50 people, many of which have jobs to help out around the village. There are 6 different places to stay, run by Jinty, Alex and Fliss. The small shop is run by Jennifer and Stuart, who took over from Jinty in the Summer of 2023.



# VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers that come here and stay in the Bunkhouse, and sometimes they visit the school, showing us their different skills and teaching us cool things. The volunteers also help with stuff around the island, like doing jobs at the Bunkhouse and helping with stuff like building.



# DIFFERENCES FROM MAINLAND

The Isle of Rum is quite a bit different from the mainland. The roads are made of dirt and very bumpy, there are no street lights, and only a handful of houses scattered around the island. Occasionally, the community share meals at the hall, and we have parties there too. A ferry service, run by CalMac, comes to the island, and in the Summer you can catch a small passenger boat from Arisaig to get here. There is one shop and no café.





# WILDLIFE

By Aila (P1) & Fliss (P2)





# OTTERS



If you go to the Otter Hide near the pier you might see otters.

When you go into the little cabin in the woods, if you open the windows and sit on the chair - look out through the window and you might see an otter.

If you see an otter be quiet not to scare it away and write on the whiteboard what you've seen.

# RED DEER

On Rum we have lots of Red Deer. They like to hide in the woods. Each year they lose their antlers but they regrow before Christmas.



# RUM PONIES

There is a path by the shop that leads to the Reserve office. If you go through a green gate, you might see some ponies.



# SEALS

Sometimes you might catch a glimpse of a seal or two at the otter hide. The seals here are cute and very curious, sometimes they will come right up to the shore to see what you're doing. They are quite common in the summer, and harder to spot in the winter.





# BIRDS



There are many different types of birds on Rum. These include: geese, eagles, pigeons, gulls and cormorants. The island is a great place to see birds, and you can watch them at the otter hide.

