



### Talk for Reading

In Spring 1 we will be beginning Talk for Reading in Year 2.. Our focus texts will be "The Umbrella" by Ingrid Schubert and "The Lion and the Mouse" by Jerry Pinkney. This will be in addition to our daily phonics lessons.

### How can I support at home?

If children face an unfamiliar word in their reading books, please encourage them to "spot the special friends, fred talk, read the word". When you have read any reading scheme book or story book from home with your child, please also ask some simple comprehension questions that encourage children to find the answer in the text. E.g. "Which word on this page do you think means the same as frightened?"

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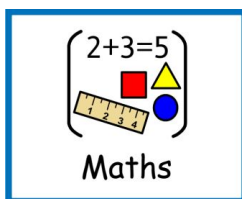
### Talk for Writing

We will be reading the text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark' and using this as a stimulus for writing a tale about overcoming a fear. We will be broadening our vocabulary to make our writing more exciting as well as learning new grammatical features to help us to write with greater accuracy.

### How can I support at home?

When children are writing at home, please encourage your child to write their letters carefully on a line, to begin each sentence with a capital letter and to use appropriate punctuation at the end. If your child is writing at home, challenge them to see if they are able to write a variety of statements, questions, exclamations and commands.

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### Maths

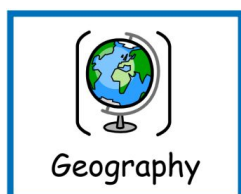
This half term in maths, we will be deepening our learning of multiplication as well as starting to learn about division. As well as practising the rapid recall of multiplication and division facts for the 10x, 2x and 5x tables, we will be learning the concept behind these. We will also be expanding our understanding of money by making different amounts and finding change. In our statistics unit, we will be interpreting and creating pictograms.

### How can I support at home?

You can help your child prepare for their learning by practicing rapid recall of the 10x, 2x and 5x tables.

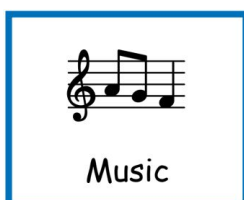
For parent videos on our Maths methods, [please click here](#)

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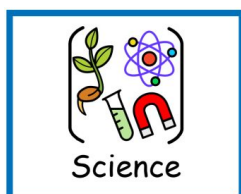
### Geography

In this half term we will explore 'The Journey of Food'. We'll kick start this exciting new topic with a local walk where we will identify what is available around us. We will then discuss how different types of food gets from the farm to our forks..



### Music

Our next music topic is called 'Musical Story-telling'. We will be considering how music helps us to tell a story – focusing on tempo, pitch and dynamics. We will then create our very own soundscapes.



### Science

This will be an exciting half term where we focus on completing a variety of scientific investigations! We will be focusing out learning on how to make a prediction, how we record results and how we form conclusions.



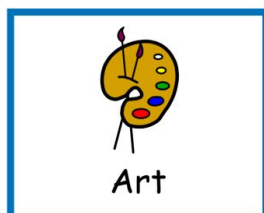
### Religious Education

In RE, our next big question will be "Where do people talk to god?" We will discuss different places of worship and how they use these to pray. We will talk about why different places of worship are important to people.



### PE

Our outdoor lessons this half term will focus on developing the children's ball skills. We will practice individual skills as well as team based games. Indoors we will be working on our gymnastics.



## Art

Our topic this half term is titled "Foodscapes". Throughout this unit we will look at and discuss the works of Carl Warner before creating our own collages based on his style.

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## Upcoming Dates

Mon - 6.1.25 - INSET Day

Tue - 7.1.25 - Children Return

Thu - 9.1.25 - Y2 Local Walk (PM)

Tue - 21.1.25 - CO Crew (Frog AM, Newt PM)

Wed - 22.1.25 - CO Crew (Toad PM)

Wed - 5.2.25 - Parent Showcase Y1-6 (2:30 - 4pm) - History / Geography

Tue - 12.2.25 - Safer Internet Day

Fri - 14.2.25 - Last Day of Half Term

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## Additional Information

For more year group information, please visit the class pages on our website.

<https://www.portfieldsprimaryschool.org/children/class-pages>