

Fabulous Festivities

This half term we are learning about fabulous festivities, including parties, Bonfire night and of course, ending the term with Christmas. We will be hosting our EYFS "wedding" in November, which is a lovely celebration for all of the children to participate in. The wedding is linked to our core text 'The Scarecrows' Wedding' and during the week the children will be learning about weddings. We will then hold a pretend wedding on Wednesday 26th November where the children will be invited to come to school in their party clothes. The children will attend a pretend ceremony followed by a party. Also, in that month adults are invited to school to look through the children's work and help them create a learning journal. In December, we will invite families to watch the children in our school nativity play. It will be a busy, but exciting half term!

Communication & Language

In Communication and Language, we will learn to maintain attention in new situations, such as Portfields Star assembly, which we will be attending. We will be able to answer 'why' questions and make links between the stories we listen to and our own lives. We will engage in stories and non-fiction texts. We will be able to engage in conversations with adults and peers for several turns and develop social phrases.

How can I support at home?

Talk to your child positively about their school day. Ask your child questions about their learning and encourage them to answer in full sentences. Model language to your child whereby you provide opportunities to upskill their language by adding an adjective, synonym, antonym or action word.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

In PSED, we will develop our ability to show concern for others and be aware of how our actions impact others. We will be able to take turns and share resources with others. We will understand the behaviour expectations in school and follow the classroom rules. We will continue to build respectful relationships with adults and peers, knowing who we can seek for help when needed.

How can I support at home?

At school we will use the phrase 'Choose it, use it, put it away'. You could replicate this language at home. Please see our PSED/Manners curriculum on the website for our weekly focus.

Physical Development

In PD, we will develop our gross motor and fine motor skills. We will start to use three fingers to grip a pencil and how to hold and transport scissors safely. In PE we will move in time to the music.

How can I support at home?

Encourage your child to hold their pencil using three fingers. Allow your child to use child appropriate scissors to begin to attempt to cut paper. Remind your child how to hold their scissor safely.



Literacy

In literacy, we will read all of the set 1 letters and special friends . We will blend sounds in words into words, so that we can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences. We will read a few common exception words. We will continue trying to write the taught graphemes with the correct formation. We will be able to write our name correctly.

How can I support at home?

Use your Set 1 Speed Sounds Book to consolidate phonics daily and remember to record this in your reading diary. Read to your child every night. Play literacy themed games. E.g. I spy a c-a-t. Encourage your child to write their name, sounds that they have learned etc. Please use your child's name card to practise writing their name with the correct letter formation.

Mathematics

In maths, we will identify circles and triangles and recognise shapes in the environment, as well as identifying position. We will form a deeper understanding of numbers up to five, understand one more and less, and learn about shapes with four sides. .

How can I support at home?

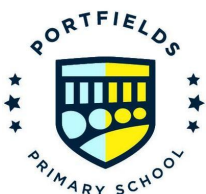
Encourage your child to find shapes in the home or on a walk - e.g what shape is a clock face/window/door etc. Ask your child to tell you one more or less than numbers up to five.

Understanding the World

In religion, we will look at the festivals of Hanukkah and Christmas. We will develop our knowledge of the past and present, and learn about key events and why they are important. We will look at the world around us, noticing the changes we see during autumn and winter.

Expressive Art & Design

In Art, we will complete some observational drawings and explore the use of different materials. We will look and junk modelling structures in DT. In music we will learn about the types of music used in different cultural celebrations, including Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.



Upcoming Dates

Mon - 17.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Chestnut Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)
Tue - 18.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Elm Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)
Wed - 19.11.25 - Learning Journal Session - Oak Class - 2pm - 3pm (Lagonda Hall)
Mon - 24.11.25 - Oak Forest School
Tue - 25.11.25 - Elm Forest School
Wed - 26.11.25 EYFS wedding - Linked to our story The Scarecrows wedding
Thu - 27.11.25 - Chestnut Forest School
Tue - 2.12.25 - Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:00)
Thu - 4.12.25 - Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:00)
Fri - 5.12.25 - Non-Uniform Day (Bottle Tombola donations)
Wed - 10.12.25 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS1) - 1:30pm
Thu - 11.12.25 - EYFS Dress Rehearsal (KS2) - 1:30pm
Fri - 12.12.25 - Christmas Fair
Fri - 12.12.25 - Christmas Jumper Day
Tue - 16.12.25 - EYFS Nativity - 2-3pm (Aston Hall)
Wed - 17.12.25 - Whole School Carol Concert - 9:15 - 10:15am (Playground)
Wed - 17.12.25 - EYFS Nativity - 2-3pm (Aston Hall)
Thu - 18.12.25 - Last Day of Term
Fri - 19.12.25 - INSET Day (School closed to children)

Additional Information

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

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

