



### Talk for Reading

In reading, we will continue to develop our phonic knowledge through the Read Write Inc programme. This program teaches pupils to become fluent readers and to develop their comprehension skills.

### How can I support at home?

If children face an unfamiliar word in their reading books, please encourage them to “spot the special friends, read the word”. When you have read any reading book or storybook from home with your child, ask simple comprehension questions that allow children opportunities to predict what may happen next or to infer what is happening by reading the text/looking at the pictures.

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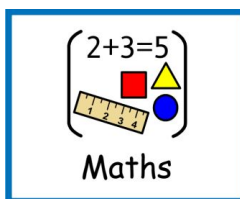
### Talk for Writing

Following on from last half term, we will be writing a non-fiction text on meerkats, followed by a non-fiction text of our choice. We will be reading a range of non-fiction texts to identify their features and then use subject-specific vocabulary to write our own non-chronological reports.

### How can I support at home?

When children are writing at home, 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. When they have finished, reread their sentences to check if they make sense and correct any errors you have noticed. Please continue to support your child to practice their weekly spellings.

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### Maths

In maths, we will first continue developing our skills of addition and subtraction. This half term we will move onto adding and subtracting two-digit numbers. We will later delve deeper into geometry, discussing 2D and 3D shapes and using vocabulary such as “faces, edges and vertices.”

### How can I support at home?

It's essential that children have a rapid recall of their number bonds 10 (e.g.  $8+2=10$ ).

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> This game has proven to be a hit in class and will show you how fluently children can recall these bonds. Challenge – can children use their bonds to 10 to fluently recall bonds to 100 (e.g.  $80+20=100$ )?

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

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History

### History

In the spirit of the 5<sup>th</sup> November, we will be learning all about Guy Fawkes and how/why bonfire night is celebrated. We will then move onto learning about the Great Fire of London; understanding why it spread so quickly and the impact this had on London's society.

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Music

### Music

Our second topic is called 'On this Island'. We will be learning different folk songs and creating sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city. We will use this to reinforce our learning of key musical vocabulary from last half term.

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Science

### Science

Science this half term will be focussed on materials. We will explore the different materials around us and their properties. Then, we will complete investigations to test the materials and consider which materials are suitable for different purposes.

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RE

### Religious Education

In RE, our next big question will be "What do candles mean to people?" During this unit we will explore why people light candles and their uses and meanings throughout Diwali, Hanukkah and Advent..

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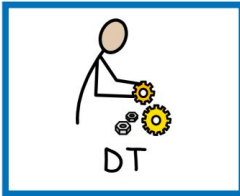


PE

### PE

The first half of our lessons this half term will focus on developing the children's level of fitness. In the later half of the term, children will be practising "multi-skills" based around an exciting mix of individual and team games.

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### DT

We have two D.T units this half term – construction and food technology. Firstly, we will be considering which shapes make good bases and then build a teddy bear's chair. We will then be designing, making and evaluating healthy wraps. We will try different taste combinations to ensure our wraps taste nice, look nice and are healthy.



### Computing

Our computing topic for this half term is "Information Technology." We will learn what information technology is, what it is used for and which jobs require it. We will also learn how this links to barcodes and what a "digital 5 a day" is.



### PSHE

Our PSHE topic this half term will be "families & relationships." We will understand that families offer love and support and that different families may be made up of different people. We will discuss our friendships, how our friends may be thinking and feeling, and recognising how to solve issues between friends and when an adult may need to get involved.

## Additional Information

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

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