

### Phonics

In phonics, the children have all been working hard in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check during the week commencing 9th June. There have been a few final amendments to groups to maximise the opportunity to teach the children at their specific level. These groupings will stay in place during Summer 2 and we will continue to teach and consolidate all the sounds that need to be learned in Year 1.

### How can I support at home?

The children bring home book wallets with their reading log and reading book(s). Books are changed approximately every 3 or 4 days in school. The aim is for you to read with your child every day at home and to record this in their reading log. This support is invaluable in your child reaching their full potential with reading, daily practice is key.

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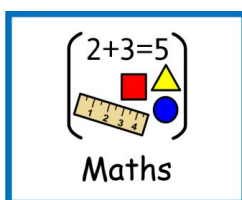
### Talk for Writing

In our Talk for Writing unit this half term, we will be looking initially at a beautiful non-fiction text called Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies. It will give the children the opportunity to practise their non-fiction writing skills, using all the grammar techniques we have been learning. The children will then also work on an extended narrative piece of writing of their own.

### How can I support at home?

Children love reading and writing stories. Any support at home that you are able to provide with sharing simple narratives, traditional fairy tales, much loved favourite stories or discovering new stories from the library or online, will be beneficial, building up a bank of ideas for when children begin to write stories of their own. If you are able to research blue whales, the children will love to share any new facts they learn.

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### Maths

In maths, we will start the half term by learning about position and direction, describing position and turns. We will then continue with place value, extending our knowledge to include numbers to 100. There will then be a short unit on money and we will finish by starting to learn about time.

### How can I support at home?

At home, any practise you are able to do using money, familiarising the children with the various coins and notes, would be very helpful. As would talking about the time. Children need to know how we talk about the time and the words we use like o'clock and half past. We will look at days of the week, months of the year days, hours and minutes.

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

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Geography

### Geography

In geography this half term we will be looking at the different habitats around our world and the different animals that live in them. We will be learning about emperor penguins in Antarctica, elephants in Namibia, pandas in Asia and the whale shark in the waters around Australia. This will link well to the science we have covered this half term and some of our English work too.



Music

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We will learning about musical symbols, in our topic 'Under the Sea'. The children will be learning how different dynamic aspects of music can be represented by different visual symbols, such as pitch, tempo and various sound patterns.



Science

### Science

This half term, we will be covering a unit of scientific investigation. The children will be learning about bug hotels. We will look at what creatures would inhabit a bug hotel, what materials should be used, where they should be located. The children will then work in small groups to build their own bug hotels.

We will then complete our final sessions looking at seasonal changes throughout the year with the change from spring to summer and how this affects the hours of daylight.



RE

### Religious Education

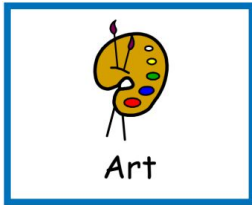
In RE, our topic is 'How do we know new babies are special?', we will look at how different world views celebrate the arrival of new babies into families. We will compare different ceremonies that are traditionally performed when babies are born. We will enjoy looking at how we have changed since we were born and why we think new babies are special. All the baby photos we have requested will make fabulous class displays.



PE

### PE

In PE, we will be taking part in athletics, where the children will be running, throwing, jumping and hurdling. We will also be playing tennis, where the children will develop their hand-eye coordination and familiarise themselves with rackets sports.



### Art

In Art we will be covering a drawing topic looking specifically at line and shape. The children will learn about the different types of lines we can draw, how to draw 2D shapes, how to use continuous lines with our drawing and will then learn about artist Yayoi Kusama, before creating our fabulous final pieces of pop art pumpkin drawings.

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### Upcoming Dates

Mon - 02.06.25 - First Day of Half Term  
W/C - 09.06.25 - Phonics Screening Check  
Mon - 23.06.25 - Starfish Forest School  
Tues - 24.06.25 - EYFS and KS1 Sports Day  
Weds - 25.06.25 - Seahorse Forest School  
Thurs - 26.06.25 - Shark Forest School  
Tues - 22.07.25 - 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>