



### Talk for Reading

This half term, our focus texts will be 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' by Roald Dahl. We will be working on our ability to answer retrieval questions (Where does this story take place? What is the character's sister called?) and inference questions (How is this character feeling right now? How do you know?) Also, some of our pupils will continue daily phonics lessons in order to master reading and spelling all 44 sounds.

### How can I support at home?

Reading is the key to success at this age so we are encouraging all children to read as regularly as possible. When you have read any reading scheme book or story book from home with your child, please also ask some 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.

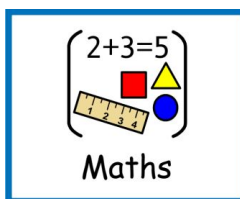


### Talk for Writing

We will begin with a short poetry unit linked to our previous text "George and the Dragon". Following this, we will focus on writing commands and using these to write a list of instructions on how to capture a magical creature of our choice. In this unit, we will focus on using imperative verbs, commas for lists and more.

### How can I support at home?

Please encourage children to use capital letters (where needed) and appropriate punctuation at the end of any sentence you see them write. We are continuing to practice our neat handwriting script by sitting letters on the line, ensuring ascenders are tall and descenders have tails under the line. Some examples to practise at home are: ea, cy, de, he, ai.



### Maths

At first, we will continue our fractions unit of work, ensuring pupils are confident reading an analogue clockface, especially when looking at o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. We will then move onto our statistics unit where we will analyse pictograms, before completing our final unit of the year: geometry: position and direction.

### How can I support at home?

We have recently focussed on multiplication and division and have introduced the 2 times table, the 10 times table and the 5 times table. Regularly practising these at home will improve your child's fluency and understanding of these number facts. Continue to practice multiplication and division facts for 10x, 2x and 5x, challenge your children with 4x and 8x

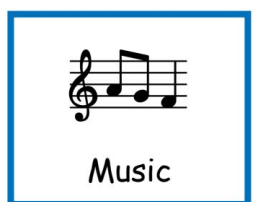
For parent videos on our Maths methods, [please click here](#)



## History

We will learning about our local heroes through exploring different sources of information from the past. Our trip to Warwick Castle will help us explore how we can learn about the past in different ways, as well as teach us about some of the heroes from the past.

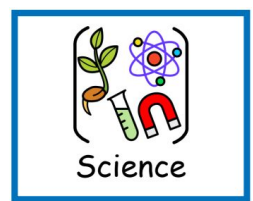
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## Music

The Year 2 children have loved the music topics so far this year and our new topic on 'Myths and Legends' will be just as exciting! We will be listening to music centred around mythical animals like dragons and mermaids. We will then be creating our own musical pieces by layering music.

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## Science

Once we have completed our plants topic, our next topic will be 'Living things and their habitats'. We will be building on our prior learning by exploring how different habitats enable different animals to live. We will be learning more about food chains and how animals are adapted to each habitat.

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## Religious Education

In R.E this half term, we will be exploring the question 'How do some people talk to God?'. We will use stories, artefacts and images to help us explore how a range of religions answer this question.

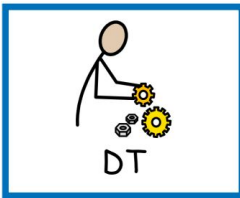
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## PE

This half term children will enjoy athletics and tennis. We are excited to showcase some of these skills at our upcoming sports day!

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## DT

This half term we have a very fun topic where we will design, make and evaluate our very own Fairground wheels. Some of the technical vocabulary we will use includes axle, tabs and design criteria.

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## Computing

In this topic, we will use Scratch Jr. to code our very own quizzes! Some of our key vocabulary will be: outcome, sequence, code snippet and sprite.

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## PSHE

Our topic for this half term is 'Citizenship.' We will aim to understand our responsibilities in our school and in our wider community. We will be sharing our opinions on things that matter, identifying some jobs that people do to keep the local area pleasant, and explaining how our school council is a form of democracy.

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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>