



Talk for Reading

Our focus this half term will be looking at a range of poetry and identifying vocabulary that is used to create imagery within a poem. We will also be reading the Wolves of Willoughby Chase and focusing on understanding the characters and effectively summarizing key points whilst reading.

How can I support at home?

Reading with your child for at least 20 minutes, daily makes a huge improvement in your child's reading ability. After reading, ask your child questions about the characters, plot, and their favorite parts. This helps with comprehension and critical thinking. Please write a short comment in their reading records. We check these daily.

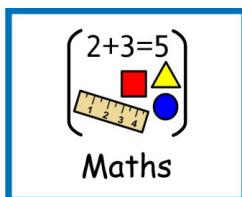


Talk for Writing

Children will be writing their own explanatory text, choosing their own fantastical beast based on The Spiderwick Chronicles. Children will need to use their previously taught skills to hook the reader and use causal conjunctions to produce an effective explanatory text.

How can I support at home?

Giving your child the opportunity to tell stories orally is a great way to get them used to structuring their ideas and using adventurous language. Please also practice writing short stories, including using grammar and punctuation to create particular effects.



Maths

In math this half term we will be doing a lot of work on fractions. We will be comparing, adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing and finding fractions of amounts. Children will use previous knowledge of multiples and factors to simplify.

How can I support at home?

Use visual representations where possible like food or a number line to help your child understand. Play matching games to help children understand the link between decimals and percentages, these could be on sticky notes hidden around the home. Help your child practice adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fraction.

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



History

This half term, children will be exploring the fascinating lives of the Mayan people. They will be investigating and using evidence to reach conclusions about the lives of the Maya in the past and the present, understand why the cities remained hidden for so long and why religion was so important to the Maya.



Music

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In music, Year 6 will be developing their dynamics, pitch and texture skills using the work of a classical composer, Felix Mendelssohn as inspiration. The children will be working in small groups practicing to improvise using dynamics, texture and pitch.



Science

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Children will be describing how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals.



Religious Education

Year 6 will continue to explore 'why religion looks different around the world?' with a focus on Buddhism and Hinduism. They will be making links and comparisons between different meditative practices as well as previously taught Abrahamic religions.



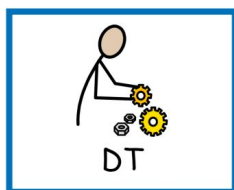
PE

Our sports lessons this half term, children will be developing their netball and gymnastics skills. Children will use their strength, balance, coordination and fundamental movement skills to perform.



Jigsaw (PHSE)

Children will be understanding what makes us all different and celebrating those differences. We will look at poems and songs to help us understand all the different types of people.



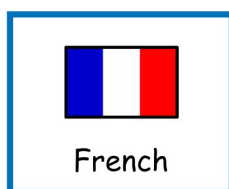
Design Technology

This half-term, children will be developing their textile skills as well as their digital understand. Children will design a waistcoat; Use a running stitch to join fabric to make a functional waistcoat and attach any secure fastening, as well as decorative objects.



Computing

Year 6 will be developing their digital literacy skills in our communication and collaboration unit. Children will explore how data is transferred over the internet as well as how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration; they will complete a shared projects online and evaluate different methods of communication. Finally, they learn how to communicate responsibly by considering what should and should not be shared on the internet.



French

This half term, our topic is Notre Monde. The children will be looking at some aspects of life in France and Francophone countries including schools, foods, geography and the arts.

Additional Information

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

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