



### Talk for Reading

In reading, we will continue to develop our phonics knowledge through the Read Write Inc. programme. This program allows pupils to become fluent readers and develops their comprehension skills, allowing them to understand what is happening in a text. Our most fluent readers will focus on answering comprehension questions based on *The Umbrella* by Ingrid Schubert.

### 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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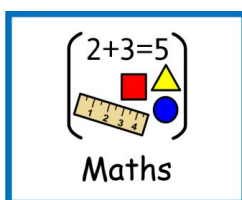
### Talk for Writing

This half term, we will be exploring the text *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*. Using this story for inspiration, we will write our own “tales of fear,” focusing on expanded noun phrases, alliteration, and the use of proper nouns. Later in the term, we will study the poem *Six Ways to Look at the Moon*, learning how to create metaphors and similes in order to write our own poems

### How can I support at home?

Reading together builds vocabulary, so talk about interesting words and try using them in their writing. When reading a bedtime story, ask your child to point out any rhyming words that they can find.

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### Maths

For the first two weeks of half term, our topic will be Money. We'll learn to recognise coins, count in pounds & pence and find change. Our second topic will be Multiplication & Division. In this topic, we will learn how to double and half numbers, multiply by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10, and use mathematical signs including <, > and =.

### How can I support at home?

When you're buying something in a shop, try to use cash and ask your child to help you count out the cost. Get your child to regularly chant their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables - both forwards and backwards. Ensure they're not just chanting “2, 4, 6...” But chanting “1 x 2 is 2, 2 x 2 is 4” and so on.

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

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Geography

### Geography

In our next topic, we'll be learning all about the Journey that food takes before it lands on our plate! We'll look at farms, factories shops and more. Then, we'll learn why some foods can only be grown in certain places and how farmers make sure their animals, particularly cows, thrive in the best conditions.



Music

### Music

In music, our topic is called 'Singing (On this Island)'. We are going to explore sounds we hear at the seaside, countryside and cities, singing songs inspired by these areas. We will understand the importance of breathing while singing and will create our own compositions focusing on pitch and how different sounds represent different environments, finally performing our compositions to our peers.



Science

### Science

In science this half term, we will become meteorologists as we are going to be studying the weather. We are not only going to study the weather but we are going to learn how to predict the weather as well. We will also be making our own weather instruments to measure rainfall, wind direction and wind speed.



RE

### Religious Education

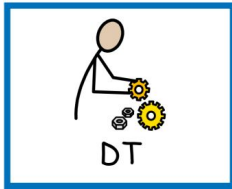
In RE, our topic is called 'where do some people talk to God?', where we will be exploring some different places of worship and why they are important to those who use them. We will discuss the similarities and differences between different places of worship and discuss how they are used for prayer and talking to God.



PE

### PE

This half term in PE, we will be practising our balls skills, developing our hand-eye-coordination. We will be catching, throwing and passing. We will also take part in multisports activities where we will develop our agility and balance.



### Art

Our next art topic is called 'Foodscapes'. During this topic we will be exploring art made by Carl Warner, who uses his art to encourage children to eat healthily. We will be using different fruits and vegetables to inspire our own artwork, where we will explore textures and organic shapes, before finally creating a collage of a fruit or vegetable of our choice.

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### PSHE

Our next topic will be 'Health & Wellbeing.' We'll learn how to express our emotions safely and understand why everybody won't feel the same way about the same situation. We'll learn how exercise and the foods we eat have an impact on our body, and understand how having a 'growth mindset' can help in all areas of our lives. This topic will continue for a few weeks after February half term, after which we will be starting our 'Safety and the changing body' topic.

## Upcoming Dates

Please see the school website and weekly newsletter for the most up-to-date dates.

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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>