

Phonics

In phonics, the children, having been assessed, will be taught in groups appropriate to the level they are currently at. The lessons focus on the various sounds they need to learn and reading books containing words with the sounds they have already learnt. Children will also read with their teacher and other adults in the year group.

How can I support at home?

The children will bring home book wallets with their reading log and reading book(s). Books are changed approximately every 3 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.

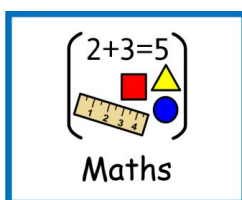


Talk for Writing

In our Talk For Writing unit this half term, we will be looking at the story 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. The story takes the form of a traditional wishing tale, that shows the various ways the main character attempts to get a star of his own. The children will continue to practise their sentence writing, using their increasing phonics knowledge and adding simple conjunctions.

How can I support at home?

It would be helpful if you are able to share at home any stories that you enjoy together. Take some time to talk with your child about what happens in the story and what the character (s) might feel at different points throughout the story.



Maths

This half term in maths, we will be continuing our work on addition and subtraction, making use of our place value knowledge and number bonds. We will continue to support our learning with the use of concrete materials, allowing children to choose their resources where appropriate. Later in the term we will take our first look at shape, recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes.

How can I support at home?

Any continued practice you are able to do at home with adding and subtracting objects will be beneficial. Using toys or household items to show adding more and taking some away, highlighting that 2 parts make up a whole. (10 is made up of 6 and 4 or 8 is made up of 5 and 3)

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



Geography

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In geography this half term we will be learning about our local area. We will learn about personal geography and how all of our journeys and experiences of an area will differ. We will also learn how to look at maps, looking at what is near to us and how to decide if an area is town / city / urban / rural.



Music

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We will learning about tempo. We will be using a simple story about a snail and a mouse to learn about changing the tempo of the music. We will use our bodies and some simple instruments to practise playing fast and slow beats.



Science

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We will be completing the first part of our unit on Materials. The children will be learning to identify everyday materials and their properties. We will look at our surroundings and see which materials have been used and why they may have been chosen. (Glass for windows because it is transparent.)



RE

Religious Education

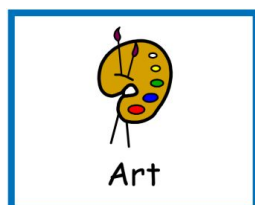
In RE our topic is 'What do some people believe God looks like?'. We will look at the question from the Hindu, Muslim and Christian worldviews, considering their differences. We will consider the different ways God is represented and try to recall some of the names people use for God.



PE

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In PE, we will be taking part in multi-skills and working on developing our fundamental skills. We will also take part in a "Jungle Dance" unit, using sounds of the jungle to build dances and work on our control and balance.



Art

In Art our topic is all about Natural Sculptures. We will start by looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy who uses natural materials to create incredible sculptures. We will learn about the different textures found in natural materials, taking rubbings of different materials and then look at how materials can be layered or joined to create alternative effects. We will endeavour to combine our final artwork with our forest school days at the start of December.

Upcoming Dates

Tue - 2.12.25 - Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:00)

Wed - 3.12.25 - Christmas Rocksteady Concert (TBC)

Thu - 4.12.25 - Parents Evening (15:30 - 18:00)

Thu - 4.12.25 - Relationship & Sex Education Parent Workshop (09:00 - 10:00 - 17:15 - 18:15)

Fri - 5.12.25 - Non-Uniform Day (Bottle Tombola donations)

Wed - 10.12.25 - Christmas Dinner Day (See website for details of how to book)

Fri - 12.12.25 - Christmas Fair

Fri - 12.12.25 - Christmas Jumper Day

Wed - 17.12.25 - Whole School Carol Concert - 9:15 - 10:15am (Playground)

Thu - 18.12.25 - Last Day of Term

Fri - 19.12.25 - INSET Day (School closed to children)

Additional Information

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

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