# Curriculum Newsletter Summer 2

# PORTFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 6



# Talk for Reading

In our reading lesson we will continue to read 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio and explore the thoughts and feelings of a range of characters. We will be learning all about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition to Antarctica as well as reading 'The Listeners' a poem written by Walter De La Mare.

#### How can I support at home?

We encourage regular reading at home with support of an adult. Read aloud together, create a comfortable reading environment, and discuss what they are reading, focusing on comprehension and making it a fun, engaging experience.

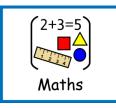


## **Talk for Writing**

This term's Talk for Writing will focus on developing character through drama. The children will rehearse and perform a scene from Romeo and Juliet before writing a short playscript of their own. They will then move on to develop their debating skills, as they learn how to effectively argue the different sides of a topic. In independent writing, children will need to demonstrate all previously taught Key Stage 2 punctuation.

#### How can I support at home?

Watch a film together and talk about the different characters. Discuss how the characters speak and move and consider what this tells us about them.



#### Maths

During this half term, our math lessons will focus on consolidation of learning and math investigations. We will be revisiting key concepts as well as working collaboratively on maths both inside the classroom and out.

# How can I support at home?

To effectively support your child with maths at home, focus on reinforcing key concepts like times tables, fractions, and problem-solving, using real-life examples and interactive activities, and encouraging a growth mindset.

For parent videos on our Maths methods, please click here



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# History

In this topic; 'The Impact of War' we will be using evidence to analysis the impact of both World War I and 2 on daily life and locality. We will look at any impact this has had in Newport Pagnell.



## Music

Year 6 will be creating their own leavers' song in our music lessons. They will need to write their own lyrics thinking about their time at Portfields as well as thinking about melody, song structure and composure.



#### Science

Our science lessons will be the children working scientifically whilst carrying out an investigation. Children will need to use existing data to plan an investigation which they will carry out to test their theories.



# **Religious Education**

This half term, we will continue to exploring different perspectives on suffering with a focus on Buddhist's and Sikhism. Children will need to compare what they have learnt previously about Christian's belief of free as a cause of suffering and Buddhist's belief that suffering is a natural part of life, due to unavoidable change.



## **Jigsaw-PSHE**

In PSHE our topic is 'Changing Me'. We will be discussing the changes that happen including; self image, puberty and transition to secondary school. Options will be given to children to ask questions and all responses and lessons are delivered sensitively.

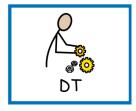


#### PE

This half term, our PE lessons will be rounders and kwik cricket. Children will learn how to field over long and short distances They will also practice their batting techniques.

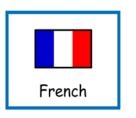


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## DT

This half term we will undergo 2 different areas in Design Technology; electrical systems and food. We will research, design and create a game with an electrical circuit and research complementary starter, main and dessert dishes which we will create



#### French

In French, our topic will be Quoi de neuf? (what's in the news?). Children will be expected to orally describe the latest news in detail and share opinions to a range of audiences.



# Computing

Our focus this term will be sensing movement. Children will build on their previous topic, variables, as well as using micro:bits.

# **Upcoming Dates**

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> June Ousedale Assembly Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 Parent meeting: Isle of Wight Mon 23rd - Fri 27th June Isle of Wight Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July Transition Day Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July Portfest Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July Graduation Day Mon 21st July Prom Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> July Last day

#### **Orienteering Day**

Dolphin 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Jaguar 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 Meerkat 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Rhino TBC

# **Additional Information**

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

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

