



Talk for Reading

Our focus this half term will be looking at a range of poetry and identifying vocabulary that is used to create imaginary 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 would make a huge difference to their reading ability. After reading, ask your child questions about the characters, plot, and their favorite parts. This helps with comprehension and critical thinking

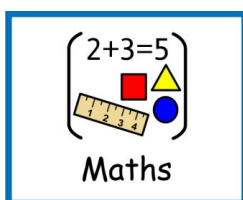


Talk for Writing

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 decimals and percentages and link to fractions.

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

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

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



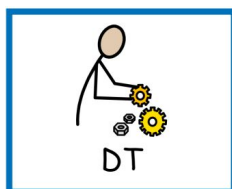
Religious Education

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 dance skills. Children will learn a variety of dance styles and forms such as: street dance, Zumba, jazz and ballroom with a focus on big, bold moves and fancy footwork.



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.

Upcoming Dates

Mon - 4.11.24 - Children Return
Thu - 7.11.24 - Year 6 WOW Explorer Day
Tue - 12.11.24 - Odd Sock Day
Fri - 15.11.24 - Child in Need/Harry's Rainbow - Non Uniform - wear the rainbow
Tue - 3.12.24 and Thu 5.12.24 - Parents' Evening
Fri - 13.12.24 - Christmas Fair
Fri - 13.12.24 - Christmas Jumper Day
Mon - 16.12.24 -, Christmas Cracked
Wed - 18.12.24 - Whole School Carol Concert - 9:15 - 10:15am (Playground)

Additional Information

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

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