

Phonics

This half term, we will continue to develop our phonic knowledge through the Read Write Inc programme. This program teaches pupils to become fluent readers and to develop their comprehension skills.

How can I support at home?

If children face an unfamiliar word in their reading books, please encourage them to "spot the special friends, fred talk, read the word". When you have read any reading scheme book or story book from home with your child, please ask some 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.

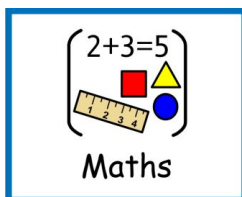


Talk for Writing

In writing, we will be creating a journey tale based on the book 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. We will be choosing and writing about our own setting that the meerkat Sunny will visit. Following this, we will begin a non-fiction unit in which children will recap and develop their knowledge of how to write a non-chronological report. We will write our own non-chronological reports on their own choice of African animal.

How can I support at home?

When children are writing at home, please encourage your child to write their letters carefully on a line, to begin each sentence with a capital letter and to use appropriate punctuation at the end. When they have finished, can they reread their sentences to check if they make sense and correct any errors they have noticed?



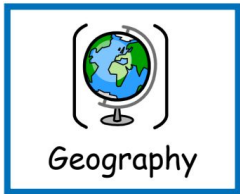
Maths

In maths, we will first begin by developing our knowledge of place value. We will partition numbers to 100, recognising and comparing numbers with different quantities of tens and ones. When we come to look at addition and subtraction, we will use our knowledge of number bonds to 10s to help us understand bonds to 100.

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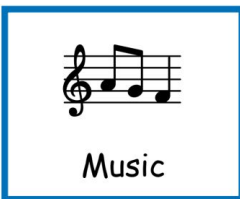
Please practise rapid recall of all number bonds to 10 (e.g. $8+2=10$). Similarly, practising counting in 10s will support children as we move onto partitioning, adding and subtracting much larger numbers.

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



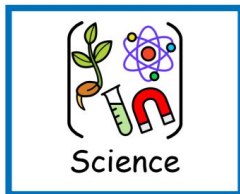
Geography

For our first topic, Year 2 will be developing their learning on seasons and the weather. Through this unit, we will be using what we already know about seasons to help us observe the weather, predict the weather and even create our own weather reports.



Music

Our first topic is called 'Musical Me'. We will be exploring a range of instruments and the sounds they make when we play them in different ways. We will also be learning key musical terms like 'rhythm' and 'pulse' which will be reinforced throughout the rest of the year.



Science

Science this half term will be focussed on animals, including humans. We will learn about different species of animals and their young alongside what different animals need in order to survive.

Finally, we will be considering what a healthy diet is and why this is important.



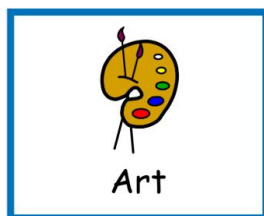
Religious Education

In RE, our first big question will be "How did the world begin?". Over the course of this half term, we will share different creation stories from across a range of different religious world views.



PE

The first half of our lessons this half term will focus on developing our agility, balance and coordination. In the later half of the term, children will be developing their skills in gymnastics.



Art

We will be exploring free form painting this half term. We will be learning from our focus artist Joseph Turner. The children's final piece will be a seascape where they need to select and explain the colours and brush strokes they have used.

Upcoming Dates

Mon 16.9.24 - KS1 Maths Parent Workshop - 6:15pm

Wed - 25.9.24 - Y1 - Y6 Meet the Teacher Session (3:30 - 4:30)

Mon - 7.10.24 - Newt Forest School Day

Tue - 8.10.24 - Toad Forest School Day

Thu - 10.10.24 - Frog Forest School Day

Thu - 10.10.24 - Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow)

Tue - 22.10.24 - (Y2 & Y5) Times TBC

Thu - 24.10.24 - Individual Photos

Thu - 24.10.24 - Last Day of Half Term

Additional Information

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

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