



### Talk for Reading

We will continue to read and study a range of genres (fiction, non fiction and poetry). Children will read 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. The text contains lots of American slang and the characters have a number of issues, such as homelessness. The crime and punishment theme within the book will initiate many discussions like should children under 16 years of age should be sent to correctional facilities.

### How can I support at home?

Children will continue to read books related to their reading level. Please continue to read with your child every day for at least 20 minutes. Ask your child questions such as 'Where does the story take place?', 'What can the reader infer about a character's characteristics?' and 'How do you think this story will end?'

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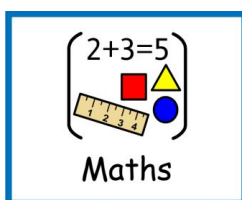
### Talk for Writing

In Year 6, we will be using our persuasive writing skills to convince other to purchase our spy gadgets and other machinery. We will also be looking at how to engage the reader using suspense, embedding dialogue within our narrative and through high-quality vocabulary. We will be looking at how different punctuation can be used to both impact the reader and help add clarity to writing.

### How can I support at home?

With your child, play some persuasive role playing games (estate agent trying to sell a run down home/ car salesman), where your child needs to use imperative verbs, (bossy verbs) repetition and rhetorical questions.

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### Maths

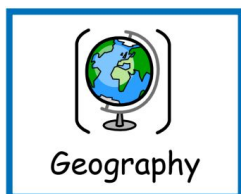
Our fun filled maths lessons this half term will focus on ratio, algebra and decimals. In ratio we will be looking at ratio and fractions and using scale factors before solving ratio and proportion problems. In algebra, we will be using simple formulae and generate and describe linear number sequences..

### How can I support at home?

Children should practice their times tables regularly and complete their maths homework directly relating to their learning.

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

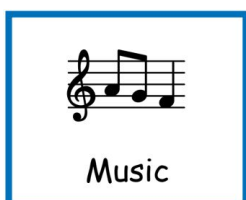
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## Geography

This term we will be looking at ways to protect our environment. The children will be thinking about different minerals, sustainability, and ways to protect our oceans.

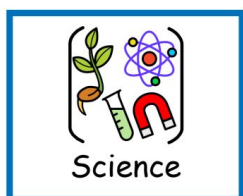
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## Music

This half term, our music focus will be looking at film music. We will identify how different styles of music contribute to the feel of a film as well as identify different instruments to describe how music evokes different emotions. We will end the unit by creating sounds that relate to the scene of a film.

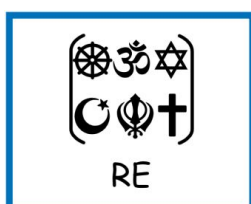
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## Science

In Science, we will be delving into inheritance and evolution - an exciting topic which enables the children to consider both acquired and inherited characteristics. They will look at the life and work of Charles Darwin and investigate how animals and plants adapt to suit their environment. As well as looking at how evolution has caused species to change over time to adapt their environments.

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## Religious Education

This term in R.E. we will be focusing on the question 'What place does religion have in our world today?' The children will be investigating the spread of religion across the world as well as explaining the importance of learning about and understanding others' worldviews.

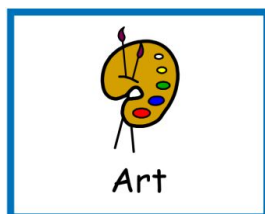
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## PE

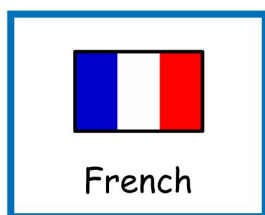
In PE this half term we will be developing our skills in basketball and gymnastics, we will be learning the gymnastics in our indoor sessions. Outdoor PE will be tag basketball. As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has the appropriate kit.

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### Art

In our art lessons this half term, we will be exploring the work of David McEown, an arctic landscape artist. Children will have the opportunity to experiment with different watercolour washes to create different effects as well as using water colours to paint fine details.



### French

In French this term, pupils will begin to understand information about towns in the past and present tense. They will recycle and extend previously taught vocabulary to give directions and explain where something is and will be able to make comparisons about towns in the past and present.

## Upcoming Dates

Inset day- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Young Voices Concert – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January  
Parent showcase – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

### Forest School dates:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February- Dolphin and Jaguar  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February- Meerkat and Rhino

## Additional Information

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

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