## Curriculum Newsletter

## Summer 1

# PORTFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 6



## **Talk for Reading**

Our reading activities will centre around the text, 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio. We will learn how the author uses characters and events to portray a theme as well as learning how to interpret the meaning of new vocabulary. We will also be utilizing SATs based questions to challenge their comprehension and analytical thinking abilities.

### 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.

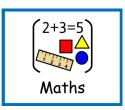


## **Talk for Writing**

During this term, children will focuses on independent writing, planning, structuring, and developing characters, settings, and plot, while also using dialogue and cohesive devices effectively. They will need to demonstrate all previously taught Key Stage 2 punctuation.

## How can I support at home?

Before embarking on an writing, verbal discuss ideas, including what punctuation can be used. Use a plan, writing phrases, words and drawing pictures, ensuring there is a clear beginning, middle, and end.



#### **Maths**

We will be looking at geometry: position and direction – involving coordinates, translation and reflection. We will also be consolidating some of the key skills and methods to be able to successfully answer reasoning and problem-solving questions.

## 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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## Geography

In this topic, 'Our World in the Future', we will be interpreting geographical data from the past to make sensible predictions about the future. This will include climate change, global warming, energy consumption and waste



#### Music

Year 6 will be exploring the music listened to and played during World War 2. The children will develop an understanding of the styles of music civilians and soldiers were listening to during the 1930's and 1940's. Children will need to correctly identify pitch and sing accordingly.



#### Science

Light is our topic in science this term. We will be learning about how we see by exploring how our eyes work. We will be discovering how light travels, how we see colour, what light sources are, how shadows are created, and finding out what refraction means through research and investigations.



### **Religious Education**

This half term, we will be exploring different religious and philosophical perspectives on suffering. With a sensitive approach, children will develop their understanding on how different worldviews address the problem of suffering and learn about religious teachings, ethical debates, and responses to suffering across various traditions.



### Jigsaw -PSHE

In PSHE this half term, our learning is "relationships", where we will be discussing mental health, loss and change, following the Jigsaw scheme of work.

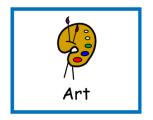


#### PE

This half term, our PE sessions will be outside. Our sport focus is Athletics and Tag Rugby. During these sessions children will be developing their running, jumping, flexibility, strength and control skills. These will compliment the skills children will be learning in tag rugby; as it promotes teamwork and physical strength.



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#### Art

Year 6 will be learning about still life paintings and taking their inspiration from Caravaggio, was an Italian painter active in Rome. The children will make 2D objects appear 3D using a range of shading techniques.



#### **French**

In French this term, children will be making negative statements using 'ne pas' around the verb. Within this topic; Monter un café (setting up a cafe) children will be given the opportunity to request food and drink, specifying size and flavours as well as name a variety of foods and how to write them.

## **Upcoming Dates**

Mon - 21.04.25 **Bank Holiday** 

Tues - 22.04.25 **Children Return** Thurs - 24.04.25 **Music Road Show** 

Mon - 05.05.25 Bank Holiday

Mon - Thurs 12.05.25 - 15.05.25 **SATs Week (Details to follow)** 

#### **Additional Information**

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

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

