

Curriculum Overview

Portway Primary School

Year 6

Term - Spring 1

RE

This half term pupils in Year 6 pupils will be taught to compare what practices and experiences may be involved in belonging to different religious groups. They will be investigating the importance of building community for religions and the consider the importance of religious buildings for different religions. They will also explore different religious practices at places of worship and evaluate the difference they make to the lives of their community.

Art & DT

In DT pupils will students will acquire skills in dyeing fabric and screen printing to transform plain textiles into personalized masterpieces. Students will acquire skills in colour theory and fabric preparation, various dye application techniques. In Art pupils will be focussing on Modern Art looking at the work of Salvador Dali and the idea of surrealism and exploring different colour theory.

This term we will be learning about...

Living Things and their Habitats

This half term the children will be learning how living things can be formally grouped according to characteristics. They will understand how plants and animals are the two main groups, however there are other living things that do not fit into these groups e.g. micro-organisms such as bacteria and yeast, and toadstools and mushrooms.

They will conduct practical investigations to demonstrate this key learning. Children will also make their own decisions about which observations to make, using test results and observations to make predictions or set up further comparative or fair tests.

Encouraging them to be more independent when being scientist during the lesson will encourage them to take responsibility for their own progress in science.

Key Information

The SATs tests will take place from 12th May 2025. We have all been working hard together to support pupils to achieve their potential. In addition, some pupils will be invited to attend booster sessions after school later this term. Families will be contacted in due course.

Year 6 pupils will be going on a visit to the Tate & Lyle experience on Friday 17th January where they will participate in the Mayor of London Junior Citizen event.

PSHE

This half term, our big idea for PSHE is 'My Local Network'. The children will be exploring the meaning of exploitation, including gang involvement and County Lines.

Pupils will learn about the importance of resilience and being able to make appropriate decisions, understanding that some actions may have consequences.

English

This half term, children will be reading *The Lady of Shalott* by Alfred Lord Tennyson which is a lyrical ballad. In Reading, the children will be analysing his use of language and the imagery he creates. They will be using these skills to develop techniques which will support them in answering comprehension questions. In Writing, children will practice drafting and writing settings, characters and atmosphere through our fortnightly learning journeys. Lastly, Year 6 will write their own narrative based on *The Lady of Shalott* - drawing on ideas from the fantastic imagery created in the text. We will also be taking some time to practise SATs style questions challenging range of assessment foci.

Mathematics

Year 6 will draw on their understanding of number and place value in order to calculate with decimals. They will learn to multiply and divide decimals by multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000. This unit will support children in calculating with measures and their understanding of percentages which will look into more depth later in the term. Children will also be introduced to Algebra where they will find rules that govern number patterns to solve mathematical concepts and problems. Pupils will continue to focus on their range of arithmetic skills focussing on accuracy and speed.

You might like to join in with our learning at home by:

Reading

- **Read everyday and record this in the Reading Records.**
- **Challenge yourself to earn a Reading certificate.**

Watching

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dx3RpXdJw2k>
- <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>
- <https://www.woodnewtonalc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Year-5-6-Common-Exception-Words.pdf>

Doing

- **Revise times table facts up to 12x12 - log into TT Rockstars every week.**
- **Practice your weekly spelling words along with Year 6 common exception words at home.**