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This half term we will be studying: Revelation and Lent. Within our Revelation learning, children will learn that God revealed His love through Jesus' teachings and stories, with particular reference to the prodigal son. We will also learn about God through the parables of Jesus, with particular focus upon the parable of the sower. Throughout Lent, we will reinforce the understanding of Lent as being preparation for Easter and it being a time of seeking forgiveness and doing penance. The parables of the lost sheep and the unforgiving servant will reinforce this teaching.

English

All of our writing in English will be linked to our topic: Proud of Portsmouth. We will be writing stories, character descriptions, and information texts. Particular attention for our year 1 pupils will be placed upon their reading and writing of phonics. Letter formation/handwriting, punctuation and the use of the conjunction; 'and' will also remain a focus. Our year 2's will embed their use of punctuation. We will focus upon using extended noun phrases (...huge, shiny tower...). We will be including a wider range of conjunctions and will begin to use subordination.

Maths

We are learning to solve one step problems involving multiplication and division, by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays. We will extend our measurement learning and will choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm) We will also compare and order lengths, mass, volume/capacity and record the results using < and =

Science

We will be learning about our local weather with particular focus upon observing and describing the weather and identifying seasons. Children will learn that it is not safe to look directly at the Sun, even when wearing dark glasses. We will work scientifically by: asking and answering questions, making tables and charts about the weather; and making displays of what happens in the world around us.

PSHE

As part of our PSHE learning, we will be focussing on how to stay safe in our local area. This will include a focus upon road safety. We will also begin to think about citizenship and identify Portsmouth councillors and their role in our community.

Computing

We are Collectors - The children will collect information about attractions in Portsmouth and Southsea. Each class will create an electronic database using 2Investigate. They will learn to sort and group information to answer questions and create graphs.

Key vocabulary

beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, sea, ocean, river, soil, season, weather, city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, shop



*Year 1-2 Spring 2:
Proud of Portsmouth*

Art / DT This half term we will be focusing on art. We will be using a variety of techniques to draw plants and flowers. In particular we will be looking at the work of Van Gogh's sunflowers and Georgia O'Keeffe's Red Poppies by developing a wide range of art and design techniques using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.

How you can help your child at home

Please read with your child at least 3 times per week, this can include their reading books, library books, comics, leaflets, menus, newspapers, etc. – a wide variety makes for great readers and writers. Please also practise spellings with your child every night, these will be tested on a Friday.

Geography

Throughout our topic, we will be learning all about the human and geographical features of our city. We will use aerial photographs to identify/recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features. We will devise simple maps and use and construct basic symbols in a key. We will undertake visits into our local area and wider areas of our city. This will enable pupils to develop their fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our surroundings – we will use this to extend our maths learning by creating tables, charts and graphs. Throughout this learning, a focus on the use of geographical vocabulary will remain key.

Music:

In music, children will use their skills to: create compositions using different topics and ideas, learn and continue to read basic notation, continue to develop their use of musical vocabulary, and identify pulse and play rhythms at different tempos.

PE – Real PE

This half term we will be having lessons led by a qualified dance coach. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school each week. For further guidance, please check the school uniform policy.