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This half term we will be studying: Christmas and Revelation. During our Christmas learning, children will recognise the difficulties Mary and Joseph had to overcome to get to Bethlehem and will know why journeys are important in the Christmas story. 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.

English

All of our writing in English will be linked to our topic: Proud of Portsmouth. We will be writing stories, letters, 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...). As part of reading, we will extend the children's written responses to comprehension questions.

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 begin learning about fractions; children will recognise, find and name a half as one of two equal parts of an object, shape or quantity, and a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity. As part of our measurement learning, we will begin to record lengths and heights, and choose/use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height.

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

This half term our computing unit is 'We are Publishers.' The children will use 2Publish+ to create a leaflet about Portsmouth. They will be learning to import pictures and format font.

Key vocabulary

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



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Art / DT

In DT this half term, children will be investigating local play parks and their facilities. Children will design, make and evaluate their own play parks. Please collect your recycling – toilet rolls, kitchen rolls, boxes, cartons, bottles etc. as we will need these to bring our parks to life. We will let you know when to bring these in to school!

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.

