

# Portway Junior School

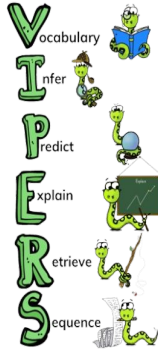
## Welcome to Year 6 - Our learning for Spring 1

### English Writing

Our learning journeys this half term will be focused around the Harry Potter series. We will be studying the text in detail, unpicking characters and delving into the world of magic and mystery.

### Reading

We will be using VIPERS to teach our reading skills. The children will begin the half term studying a variety of poems from 'Let's Chase Stars Together' by Matt Goodfellow. Once the children have completed their poetry study, we will delve into 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave.



### Home Learning Expectations

Read 4 times a week to an adult and practice times tables 4 times a week.

Diaries **must** be signed each week by an adult at home.

Children will be set weekly homework and this will be set using revision booklets that we will provide for the children. We will add the pages to Google Classroom to ensure all children are completing the correct pages.

### Foundation Subjects

Science - Controlling electrical circuits

PSHE - Dreams and Goals

PE - Tag Rugby and Orienteering

French - Au salon de thé

DT - Soup and Scones

Geography - Volcanoes: North America

Computing - Digital literacy - IT skills

RE - Is anything ever eternal? Key concept - ritual

Music - Dynamics, pitch and texture: Theme: Fingal's Cave

### **Please note the changes to PE Days**

PE days - Children should come to school in their PE kit. If they have their ears pierced please take them out or provide ear tape. Long hair must be tied back.

Outdoor: Tuesday - ALL classes

Indoor: Thursday - ALL classes

### **Please note the changes to Forest School**

Forest School - Wednesdays - Children to wear old, protective clothes with long sleeves and trousers.

Rabbits- 22/1/25, 12/02/25

Magpies - 8/01/25, 29/01/25,

Badgers - 15/01/25, 05/02/25

### Maths

We will be continuing to stream our maths lessons in the Spring term, based on the mathematical needs of the children. This is currently working very effectively and all children's confidence has improved. We will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages in the first few weeks and finishing with ratio and some statistics. Arithmetic lessons will continue to be once a week.

Times tables - children should be confident with their times tables as well as the related division facts. This is crucial now and at secondary school.



### Key Dates

06.01.25 - Spring 1 starts

13.02.25 - SATs information evening

17.02.25 - Last day of half term

Please see the latest Portway Press for other key dates