

# Portway Junior School

## Welcome to Year 4 - Our learning for Spring 2

### English

#### Writing

We're particularly excited about our two learning journeys this half term as we'll be introducing the children to Shakespeare! Learning Journey 1 will be a drama filled study of Macbeth and in Learning Journey 2 children will study some of Shakespeare's other most popular plays. We're inviting parents to a showcase of our work at the end of term.

#### Reading

We'll be reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' by Roald Dahl and developing our confidence in reading aloud fluently and applying our VIPERS skills to the book.



### Home Learning

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. They are checked in school every Friday. Optional project homework & spelling tasks are available on Google Classrooms.

### Key Dates

Wed 21st & Thurs 22nd Feb - Parent Consultation Meetings. Pupils are encouraged to attend.

Fri 23rd Feb - INSET Day

Thurs 14th March - PTA Spring Fling 5 - 7pm

Thurs 28th March - Drum performance in hall  
9:15 - Hare class, 10:15 - Deer class, 11:15 - Kite class

Tues 26th March - Shakespeare Showcase 3:20

1st - 12th April - Easter Holiday

### Maths

Times tables - children should prioritise being confident with their 10, 5, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables. They should also learn the linked division facts. (E.g.  $4 \text{ multiplied by } 6 = 24$ .  $24 \text{ divided by } 4 = 6$ )

In lessons this half term we will be focusing on:

- Fractions
- decimals



### Foundation Subjects

Science - Digestion & Teeth

PSHE - Healthy Me

French - Les fruits

Computing - Digital Literacy & presenting (PowerPoint & Google Slides)

RE - Christianity, Love - forgiveness

Music - Drum Lessons Thursday mornings, providing by Hampshire Music

Art- Sculpture & architecture

PE - Dance and Football

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

Outdoor: Tuesday  
Indoor: Wednesday

**Forest School** - Children to come to school in old, protective clothes with long sleeves and trousers, with spare shoes/wellies.

Hare - 29th Feb & 22nd March  
Deer - 8th March & 29th March  
Kite- 22nd Feb & 15th March