

# Portway Junior School

## Welcome to Year 4 - Our learning for Spring 1

### English Writing

Our first Learning Journey will use 'The Variety of Life' by Nicola Davies to construct a diary entry. Our second Learning Journey will use 'The Most Important Animal of All' by Penny Worms to teach the children how to write persuasively.

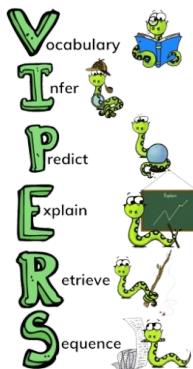
### Reading

Children will be using VIPERS to teach our reading skills. Each lesson focuses on a different VIPER skill as the children read a variety of different books and poems.

### Key Dates

2.1.23 INSET Day  
3.1.23 Start of Term  
15.1.23 Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow  
18.1.23 Weekly Listen to Me Music Sessions start  
9.2.23 Break up for half term

12.2.23-16.2.23 February Half Term  
19.2.23 First day back after half term



### 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 but children can fill in their reading and times tables. They are checked on Fridays in school.

A menu of other optional homework will be available on Google Classroom.

### 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 multiplied by 6 = 24. 24 divided by 4 = 6)

In lessons this half term we will be focusing on:

- Multiplication and Division (using written methods for addition)
- Length and perimeter
- Fractions
- decimals

### Foundation Subjects

Science - Living things  
PSHE - Dreams and Goals  
French - Je Peux (I can...)  
Geography - Marine Life and Coral Reefs  
Computing - Digital Literacy & photo editing  
RE - key concept - Belonging  
Music - Building Beat & Around the world Pitch  
Art- Henri Rousseau - sketching and collage

PE - Hockey and Orienteering (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

*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.*

### Forest School - Thursdays

Hare - 11.1.23 & 1.2.23  
Kite - 18.1.23 & 8.2.23  
Deer - 25.1.23 & 22.2.23 (after half term)

*Children should come to school in forest clothes and bring spare shoes/wellies.*