Porchester Junior School





Upper School Curriculum Booklet Autumn 2024

This booklet is aimed at informing you, as parents, of the work that will be covered over the Autumn term 2024.



Respect Responsibility Rights Reach Values for life, knowledge is power. These are the keys to our success

Dear Porchester families,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all enjoyed your holidays, and the children are feeling revitalised! It is great to see all the children again so eager and raring to go. Everyone is showing that they are prepared for the challenges of the year but also the fun we will have along the way. We are really looking forward getting back into the swing of our routine and having an exciting term together!

- P.E. Thursday please ensure your child is in proper school PE kit on these days.
- **Reading** As part of their homework, we do expect the children to read regularly at home. Reading is crucial to all aspects of children's learning and regular reading at home remains important, even as your children begin to read more independently. Please ensure that your child has their reading diary every day, especially Fridays, as this is when we will be checking their reading at home. Children will receive a house point for every read at home and will be entered into the reading raffle if they read 5 times at home within one week. If you need any support with your child's reading, please do talk to your class teacher as we want to help support and develop your child's love of reading.
- **Times tables** Times tables remain a key focus in Upper School to ensure all children can fully access the Year 5/6 maths curriculum. It is essential that children are fluent in their times tables to 12x12. All children have been provided with a Times Tables Rock Stars login and we encourage them to use this at home to support their learning and recall.
- **Spelling homework** The children will have spelling lessons each week and a test each Friday. They will be given a spelling sheet on a Monday to support them in practising their weekly spellings at home. This homework is expected back in school by Friday. They are also encouraged to play Spelling Shed at home to help them practice their weekly spellings. We will look at the Spelling Shed leader board in class and those working hard will be rewarded with house points.
- Maths homework Weekly maths homework will concentrate on essential maths skills and will support the children's learning in school. This is to support the learning in school and prepare children for secondary school. We will give this out on a Friday and collect the following Friday so children will have a week to complete it. Year 6 will be set their Maths homework on the SATs Companion website.

If Spelling and Maths homework is not returned to school by Friday each week, children will be supported to complete this during a break time homework group.

Thank you for your on-going support. We hope you find this information helpful and are looking forward to another exciting term at Porchester!

Mrs Green, Miss Mintey and Miss Rolley

Please feel free to contact us at school if there are any comments about this booklet, or if there are ways in which we could improve our school/parent links in the future.

English	This term, we will be studying many different genres: narratives and flashback		
Ligusi	stories, diary entries, biographies and classic poetry. We will also be using these books and stories in class:		
	Emma Carroll FROM HIL UGHTHOUSE		
Maths	Year 5		Year 6
	Place value	Place value	
	Addition and subtraction	Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division Fractions Converting units	
	Multiplication and division		
	Fractions		
Enquiry	Why is it so important to remember the past?		
History	WWII	Science	Light & Forces
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Geography	Locating world countries	Art & DT	Sketching and drawing
Music	Electric drums	PE	Dance & Gymnastics
	Class jam		
Spanish	World War II	Computing	E-safety
	The Weekend		Using Canva
RE	Autumn 1	Autumn 2 Beliefs in action in the world Religions – Judaism	
	Teachings, wisdom & authority Religions – Buddhism, Humanism		
PSHE	Managing hurtful behaviour and bullying Keeping safe		