

Curriculum Newsletter

Summer 1 2023



This half term in Portsdown Class

Our Big Question has been...

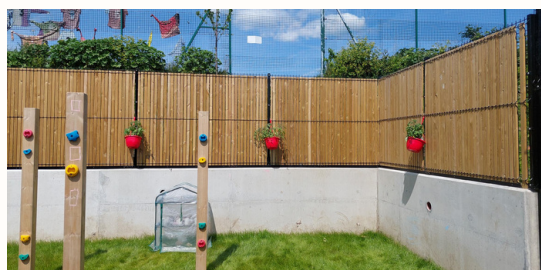
How do we like to learn?

We have had two key themes running through our learning this half term.

We started our Wymering journey with lots of hands-on 'STEM' activities such as bridge building, egg parachutes, rocket mice and Coca Cola reactions! During these activities we learned about gravity, catalysts and how the way we build things affects their performance.

Recently we moved onto a 'plants and growing' theme and are delighted to see that our seeds have started to grow! We dissected flowers, learned about the different parts of a plant and have improved our school environment through lots of gardening!

Throughout all of this we have most of all been learning *how* we like to learn best. It seems common themes are active learning, being outside and occasionally getting messy! We've also had some great successes in our Food and Life Skills lessons with Gavin. A business venture is in the pipeline... watch this space!



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Student Voice:
 "It's really fun here!" - Chase
 "I'm making good friends" - Callum
 "It's supportive" - Evan
 "I liked designing the sea creature
 to go with our short story" - Rupert
 "We enjoyed the WW1 re-enactment"
 - the whole class!

Family Support Resources

If you are able to support student's learning at home, this would be fantastic.

Please encourage your child to read at any opportunity, this could be fiction, non fiction, news articles, anything that supports their enjoyment of reading.

If your child enjoyed the STEM week, Winchester Science Centre is not only a great day out but also has a host of ideas for supporting learning at home

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Upcoming Events

Key Dates for the next half term:

- 'Animal Encounters' coming into school: 7th June.
- Archery trip to Fort Widley - details tbc: 21st June
- Parents Evening: 4th July
- Groundlings Theatre Trip - details tbc: 12th July

Student Voice:
"We are looking forward to starting the animal care"

