



Curriculum Newsletter

February 2024

Portsmouth: End of Spring 1



Our Big Question was:

Are Myths, Legends and Fairytales relevant today?

We have had a very busy half term in Portsmouth exploring all things mythical!



The class engaged very well with Greek myths in particular, so we spent a lot of our English lessons reading, discussing and responding creatively to them. Our favourites included Icarus (see photo for our very own version - 'Evcarus!'), Medusa, Theseus and the Hydra. We linked this to moral lessons learned about curiosity going unchecked, or how power can go to people's heads! The class did so well with this topic and it was great to see their creativity shining.

In our personal development sessions (every Wednesday) we have been looking at activities to reflect upon and build our self esteem. Our pupils have engaged well with this and are slowly starting to verbalise their own strengths at school, which is amazing to see.

Portsmouth have been getting very hands-on in their PE lessons, enjoying sports such as table tennis and basketball this half term (alongside the obligatory football of course!). In Food Technology, they have rustled up some absolute delights such as homemade pizza, personalised milkshakes and the good old British fry-up! The boys are really gaining independence in the kitchen.

We can't wait for next half term where our topic will be Earth and Space.

Photos of our learning this half term



Reminder

Please can you send in a spare set of clothes, or at least a top, for your child after half term so that they have a change available should they become wet or messy during the school day. Particularly relevant for our lovely class members who love to play football in the pouring rain - you know who you are!

Upcoming Events

Half term

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb

Wednesday 21st February

Family engagement session:

Crafty Catch Up

1.30pm

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day - non uniform day

Wednesday 27th March

School Reports go home

Year 8 annual reviews take place throughout **March** - the admin team will contact you with your appointment time.

Feb Half Term

Here are a few events happening in the city next week that the Portsdown boys may enjoy:

D-Day Museum

There's a full week of family friendly activities taking place at The D-Day Story from 'Spies and Lies' to 'The Big Drop- Make your own Parachute', all included in the price of a ticket.

<https://thedaystory.com/plan-your-visit/events/>

Bookfest

Portsmouth BookFest 2024 runs from 11th February to 17th February. This includes an exciting line up of online and in person talks, workshops and activities for all ages.

<https://librariesandarchives.portsmouth.gov.uk/public-library-service/whats-on/events/portsmouth-bookfest/bookfest-2024-childrens-programme/>

Contacting us

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