



November 2024

Curriculum Newsletter



Portsdown Class 2024-25



Our Big Question is 'Whose Earth Is It Anyway?'

We are excited to have launched our new topic with the class, 'Whose Earth Is it Anyway?' which looks at taking responsibility for the health and future of our planet.

Our Learning Objectives (subjects are in green)

In **Science and in Geography**, we will be studying climate change, renewable energy and the effects of pollution and climate change on wildlife and on humans.

To tie our **English** lessons to this topic, we will be studying the art of persuasion. The boys really focused in our lesson on rhetorical devices last week and came up with some fantastic slogans around climate change (some were more 'PC' than others!).

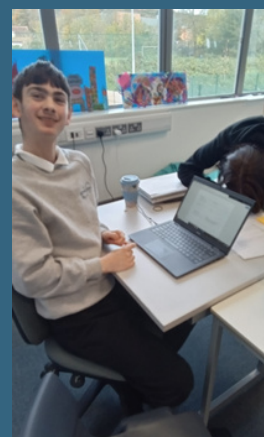
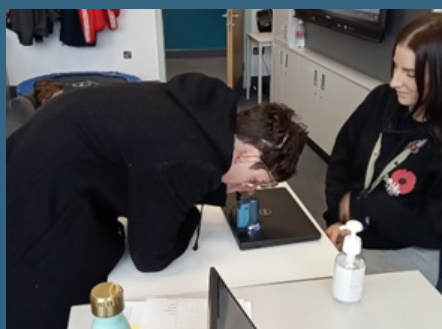
In **Art and Design** we will be looking using recycled materials, culminating in our recycled fashion show at the end of term. More details to follow on this but we would love for you to join us on 18th Dec for this as our 'Fantastic Finish' to the unit.

In **Maths** this half term we will be focusing on multiplication (including decimals), solving written word problems and conversion of measurements (km to m and cm etc.)

As well as our planet-saving curriculum focus, our **music** lessons in 'Rock Steady' will continue up until Christmas as well our studies in **PE, BTEC Home Cooking, Mental Health and Wellbeing** and **Life Skills**. In **PSHE** we are looking at the difference between legal and illegal drugs and the issues surrounding them.

We are looking forward to a busy, fun and interesting half term together!

Our start of term: Some photo highlights from Science and Cooking lessons:.



Important Dates

**Children in Need
Bounce-a-thon
Friday 15th Nov**

**Paralympian Visit and
Sponsored Circuits
Monday 2nd Dec**

**Christmas Market at
School:
Thurs 12th Dec**

**Panto Trip:
Rapunzel at the
Groundlings Theatre
Tuesday 17th Dec**

**KS3 Fantastic Finish:
Recycled Fashion Show
Wednesday 18th Dec**

**Last day of term:
Fri 20th Dec (school
finishes at 1pm)**



Contacting us

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