

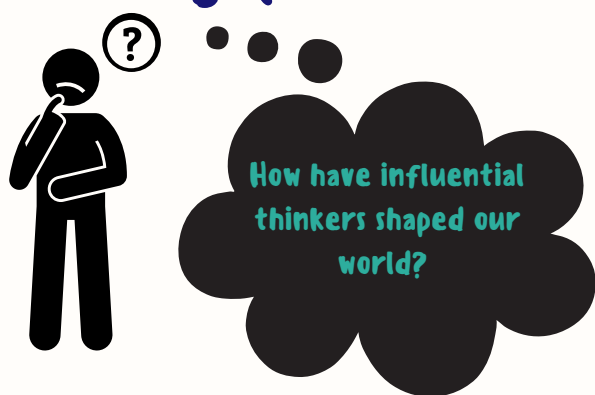


Spring 2025

Curriculum Newsletter

This half term in Portsdown Class

Our Big Question...



Staff Team...



Jess - Teacher



Kimberly LSA

2025 has seen us welcome our new teacher Jess - who has joined our fantastic LSA Kimberly. Jess had been teaching at another SEMH school and has been in education for the past 14 years specialising in Science and Animal care.

This half term our topic is 'Big Thinkers?' which is a Science and History based topic that will look at how big thinkers in art and science have shaped our World. The topic will end with our very own science fair on Thursday 13th February in the afternoon, where we will welcome family to come and the inventions designed by our pupils and their work from throughout the term.

In History we will be comparing past and present times and explain how significant people have shaped our world. In Art we will be creating our own masterpieces in style of famous and influential artists and explaining what we know about them. Science will see pupils beginning to develop an understanding of how things work and how inventions have made everyday life easier.

English lessons will be linked to the topic, with a focus on writing informative texts.

In Maths this half term we will be focusing on the order of operations in Maths (BIDMAS) fractions, using practical examples, and understand how fractions are part of a whole.

As well as our 'Big Thinkers' curriculum focus, our studies in PE, BTEC Home Cooking, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Life Skills will continue.

Dairy Dates:



Thursday 13th Feb
KS3 Fantastic Finish
Science Fair
Parents Welcome



Monday 17th February -
Friday 21st February
Half Term



Learning in KS3 this half term

Theme: Big Thinkers

Subject	Learning Objective
English	I can write an informative text with correct use of grammar and punctuation.
Maths	Theme: Using numbers and the number system – Number bonds, order of precedence of operators and fractions.
PSHE	Theme: Bullying, Abuse and Discrimination
History	I can compare past and present times and explain how significant people have shaped our world
Art	I can recreate an artist's style and explain what I know about them.



Learning in KS3 this half term

Subject	Learning Objective
PE	To know what teamwork is and develop trust in partners. To develop teamwork and communication through planning and completing tasks. To use creative thinking and problem-solving skills as a team.
Mental Health	To understand the differences between disorders and emotions, by being aware of triggers and symptoms.
Lifeskills	How to identify risk and manage personal safety in increasingly independent situations, including online. About the importance of taking medicines correctly and using household products safely, (e.g. following instructions carefully). How to perform CPR while waiting for the emergency services.
Food	Be able to use cooking skills to make home cooked food that does not use pre prepared ready cooked food.
Science	I can understand how things work and how inventions make everyday life easier.

Reading Journey

This half term there is a focus on reading - Portsdown are going to be creating a scrap book of all of the things they have been reading.

DEAR

Drop Everything And Read -
we have picked Adventures
of a teenage werewolf.

Contacting us

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