



## Our theme for the first Autumn term is: 'This is our city'

We will be:



### Maths

- Learning and using a range of strategies for addition and subtraction.
- Developing our understanding of place value.
- Counting, comparing and ordering numbers to 100.

### English

- Listening to, discussing and expressing views on poetry, both classic and modern.
- Writing for different purposes using punctuation accurately.
- Writing using descriptive words and phrases.
- Re-reading their own work and making improvements.

### Science

- Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials.
- Find out how materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting & stretching.
- understand why it is important to make predictions, observe carefully and explain our findings when carrying out an investigation.

### Computing

- Develop skills saving and retrieving work.
- Use technology safely and respectfully.
- Improve awareness of familiar icons.

### Music

- Exploring duration with tuned percussion instruments (Boomwhackers).
- Playing in time to a piece of music.
- Developing an understanding of standard notation.

### R.E.

- Talking about places that are special to us.
- Finding out why a church is a special place for Christians.
- Finding out how Christians worship.

### Art

- Using collage techniques and skills to make a scene building up layers using different media.

### P.E.

- Learning, practising and mastering the skills needed to play games like Rounders (overarm and underarm throws, catching effectively, tactics for team games, etc).
- Exploring the different strategies for co-operating and competing.

### History / Geography

- Learning about historic Portsmouth and people who had an impact in the city e.g. John Pounds.
- Learning about the human and physical features of Portsmouth and the surrounding area.

### How you can support your child.

- Read with your child every day, whatever the level of their reading.
- Encourage them to re-read if something does not make sense, read frequently used words quickly and accurately, and talk about the use of punctuation as one tool for reading expressively.
- Talk about what you know about Portsmouth, look at features of the city when out or on the walk to school.