# Classroom News



Class Name: Portchester Term: 5 Term 5 2024-2025 Topic: Hobbies and Leisure

## What we have been doing this term:

#### **Maths**

Numbers and patterns came to life this term as we delved into multiples of twos, arrays, and repeated addition. Portchester enjoyed looking for real life arrays in the school environment and capturing them on iPads.

#### **English and Science**

One of the highlights of our English learning was exploring the story of The Tiny Seed. We incorporated Colourful Semantics to help structure sentences and improve language comprehension. We enjoyed creatively retelling the story, imagining their own tiny seeds traveling across distant lands. As a class we explored the different factors the seed would be able to survive in prompting us to plant our own ensuring it had access to sunlight. When planting our own sunflowers, we planted them in clear bags so we can begin to observe the journey as early as possible under the soil! We will use our vocabulary learnt when creating our own flowers, to document the growth of our sunflowers.

#### Art

Speaking of sunflowers...We have been looking in to the life and works of the artist Vincent Van Gogh. We have got to know many of Van Gogh's less well known paintings and used new vocabulary cards to talk about the techniques he used. We are going to be focusing on talking about his Sunflower painting and creating a collaborative art piece incorporating popular hobbies such as painting and weaving.

### **VE Day celebrations**

Portchester and Danby Class joined forces to hold a courtyard party to celebrate VE Day 2025. Cakes and drinks were enjoyed courtesy of Danby Class. We decorated with flags and wartime memorabilia. We also explored old medals, ration books, and photos, learning about history through real artefacts. A fantastic afternoon!

As always, thank you all so much for your support this term from the Portchester Class Team. ©



#### Dates & Points to remember:

Last day of term: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May First day back: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Tuesday 17th June – School Photographer

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July – CastleFest 2025