

Classroom News



Class Name: Portchester Term: Summer 1 Term 5 2025-2026 Topic: People and their Jobs.

What we have been doing this term:

We have had a fantastic and busy half term so far at Portchester, with lots of exciting learning taking place.

In English, our focus book has been *The Night Bus Hero*. We have been focusing on themes such as bullying, homelessness and family relationships. Portchester have shown great maturity during discussions and have explored how these themes affect characters and people in real life. They have created detailed character profiles and taken part in thoughtful conversations about different types of bullying and how we can support one another.

In Maths, we have been learning all about repeated addition and multiplication, using practical manipulatives such as Numicon to help deepen their understanding and build confidence with early multiplication concepts through hands-on activities.

We have also made the most of the beautiful sunshine this half term by enjoying several trips to the park. The students have loved spending time outdoors, playing together and exploring the natural environment.

In Science, we have been learning about light and dark, with a particular focus on natural and artificial light sources. Portchester were especially fascinated by lightning and thunderstorms. They thoroughly enjoyed conducting a science experiment to demonstrate hot and cold air mixing, which helped explain how storms are formed. This learning then inspired an amazing piece of storm-themed artwork, and the creativity and effort shown by the students was incredible.



Dates & Points to remember:

Sports Day: Thursday 21st May
Last day of term: Friday 22nd May
First day back: Monday 1st June
Bandstand: Thursday 2nd July