

ENGLISH

Graphic Novels - As part of our work at Portal Digital we will explore Graphic Novels (Comics) as a medium for telling stories. We will explore the features of comics and use these to turn our own short stories into original Graphic Novels. We will combine digital media, text and artwork to create these.

Newspaper Articles. - Linked to our work in our 'Understanding the world' subjects we will use newspaper articles as a means to present our work. Using the features to support our work we will write well thought out factual articles for inclusion in 'The Portal' website.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Geography: We will learn about Asia and, in particular, Japan. We will discover the environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities of the country.

Science: In science we will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird and describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. We will also describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

RE: This half term we are learning about Humanism and shaping the secular world view.

CREATIVE

Music: Our steel pan tuition begins this half term. We will take part in a weekly lesson from Jenny, a specialist music teacher.

Art: We will look at a range of artistic styles used in Graphic Novels and create our own images, characters and scenes in a variety of styles. We will also look at using perspective to create dynamic settings.

MATHS

We will continue to develop our understanding and use of place value in maths. This will support our work in calculation.

We will continue to develop methods to solve multiplication and division calculations building on previously learned strategies. We will use all 4 operations to solve calculations, sometimes combining mental and written methods. We will continue to learn about and use decimals and fractions. We learn about area and perimeter and how to calculate for simple and complex shapes.

PSHE

Our whole school PSHE focus this half term is 'Celebrating Difference'. In Year 5 we will look at the differences that make us unique and learn how to challenge racism, homophobia and bullying. We will compare our lives with those of people in the other countries and learn to enjoy the experience of cultures that are not our own. Each week KS2 joins together for a 'Jigsaw' assembly to explore these themes.

OVERVIEW

This half term we will be working as Digital Developers at Portal Digital. Portal Digital is the newest addition to Olive Stein's portfolio. The Digital Developers across the whole of Portal Digital will create a new website called 'The Portal' and contribute content for our readers.

PHYSICAL

This half term we will be taking part in Street Dance and Gymnastics.

All children should bring shorts, t-shirt and trainers/sandshoes for PE. A swimming costume and towel are needed for swimming. No jewellery. PE and swimming take place each THURSDAY at Ashington Leisure Centre.

