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### Highlight of the week

The Maths team has unveiled a comprehensive range of new resources across the school. The resources are being used to support real, concrete mathematical understanding that can then be transferred and applied in more abstract ways. At the same time, we are introducing a new structure to our Maths lessons. Once children have achieved the day's basic skill (calculation), they are given the opportunity to apply the skill in new ways (variation) and to then use it to solve problems (problem solving) – all within the same lesson! Our goal is to give every child the opportunity to experience greater challenge and to develop greater depth thinking. Ask your children about it!

### Forthcoming Events

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

- Year 1 local walk
- Year 6 theatre trip to watch 'The Hartlepool Monkey'

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

- Year 3 local expedition
- Year 6 Newham City Farm, part 1

#### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

- Year 6 Newham City Farm, part 2

See your child's curriculum letter for relevant trip dates for this half term.

### Gardening for Garments

The children are re-starting their gardening workshops with Cassie. This week, Year 4 learned to 'ripple'.



Ruby, from Year 4 Hoxton reported that, 'Rippling is where we take off the seeds, using nails. It's where we get the word 'rip' from.' She continued to say, 'We learned about different fibres that we can use for our clothes.'

It was a joy to see the children enthralled by their task and to be so engaged in such an enriching activity. In two weeks, Year 4 will learn to scutch, heckle and spin!

Congratulations to Whitechapel class with 98.8% attendance.

A very well done to Moorgate class with 98.5% and Mile End class with 98.1%





## All together now!

**We're never satisfied with the status quo at Portway and we're always thinking of ways that we can make the most of the time we get with the children each week.**

This year, we have launched a new assembly format, which is designed to take our school community on a journey of enquiry.

Each week, as well as celebrating children's successes together, we now explore a theme. Teachers introduce the week's theme on a Tuesday and each Wednesday, the theme is explored in more detail. On Fridays, children are celebrated, who have demonstrated the positive characteristics related to the theme.



Here are the themes that we're going to explore together throughout each week. **Ask your children about their assemblies**

Week 1 - Perseverance

Week 2 - Equality

Week 3 - Serenity

Week 4 - Difference

Week 5 - Wisdom

Week 6 - Aspiration/Desire

Week 7 - Faith

**Which theme are you most looking forward to?**

## Exciting Places to Learn

**Teachers have put the finishing touches to their new book corners.**

We love to make school an exciting place to learn and one of the ways we do this is to give the children engaging book corners, where we showcase one of the key books that the children will enjoy during the year.



Year 3 –  
Liverpool Street



Year 4  
Hampstead  
Heath

**Ask your child which book their book corner is about.**

## Coming Soon...

### Writer of the Week awards

