

# Year One Newsletter

## Autumn 1 2023



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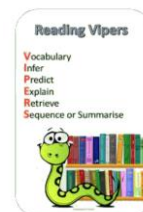
Welcome back to our children and their wonderful families. We hope you have had a lovely half-term break and the children have rested after such a busy, fun-filled half term. All of the children have come back settled into the Year One routines and expectations beautifully and have learnt so much already. The children continue to demonstrate such a passion for learning and have shown such resilience and enthusiasm. Thank you for your support in making the transition into Year 1 so positive. We are looking forward to another wonderful half term full of fun, laughter and learning!

### Home Learning



In Year 1, Autumn 2, home learning consists of reading and Purple Mash homework. You will find your children's log in details in front of your child's red reading record. Please practice logging in to Purple Mash with your children to support them with their computing lessons. In addition to this, we will also set a Maths task every Monday to be completed by the following Monday. This Maths task will consolidate the learning done in school in the previous week.

We encourage you to hear your child read their phonics book daily, for between 10 and 15 minutes. By the end of the week your child should be a master of their book; they should be able to read with fluency and pace, which will help to develop automaticity. When you read with your child, please write what they have read and the date in their red reading record. **Please send in your child's red book and phonics book every day so we can read with your child and change their books when needed.**



To further support your child's reading we encourage children to share stories and talk about what they have read or what has been read to them. For ideas of how to support your child's comprehension and inference skills, please see the VIPERS on the school website.

### Uniform



Now it's getting colder, please could you ensure that your child brings to school a warm winter coat. We will be going outside for our learning so please ensure coats are in school each day. You are welcome to pack hats, scarves and gloves that are named. There has been a significant rise in the number of items being sent to lost property as lots of these clothes are unnamed. We teach the children to put gloves into pockets and hats down one sleeve of the coat for safekeeping.

### Parents Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our parents evening before half term. It was our absolute pleasure to meet with you to celebrate the many successes your child has already achieved. It truly is one of our highlights when we are able to share these with you. If you were unable to make an appointment please get in touch with your child's class teacher – we would love to have the opportunity to talk to you about your wonderful children.

### Toy Workshop Success

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, Year 1 participated in a toy workshop hosted by History Off the Page! We would like to thank you for your contributions towards making this day such an incredible success. Thank you to the parent volunteers too, whom without, this day would not be able to go ahead. The children enjoyed investigating hundreds of different toys – old and new - becoming archeologists and classifying their finds before ending the day by choosing several toys to make. What a brilliant experience!



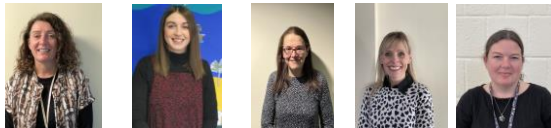
### Our Team

Here is our wonderful Year 1 team.

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**Teachers** - Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Kalek

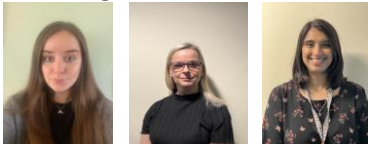
**Teaching Assistants** – Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Burman, Miss Laight



#### Murphy:

**Teacher** – Miss Holman

**Teaching Assistants** – Mrs Hanson, Mrs Patel



#### Jeffers:

**Teacher** – Miss Brown

**Trainee Teacher** – Mrs Woodcock

**Teaching Assistants** – Mr Gibbs and Mrs Zenginoglu



#### HLTAs:

**Mrs O'Regan** - covers Miss Holeman's planning



### Dates for the Diary

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Dress in blue for JDRF, a charity which supports research into type 1 diabetes. Donations are welcome.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Parent pop ins. You are welcome to bring your child into the classroom to settle them in for their day having opportunity to see their classroom for 20 minutes 8:30 – 8:50am.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Individual and sibling photos. **Please send children in their usual school uniform not PE kit.**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Diwali celebrations – dress up in bright colours.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Odd sock day to raise awareness for anti-bullying week.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in need – donations welcome.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm – Year 1 Christmas performance.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carols outside after

time every Wednesday and Thursday and covers Miss Brown's planning time every Friday afternoon.

**Miss Smith** – covers Miss Brown's leadership time everyone other Monday.

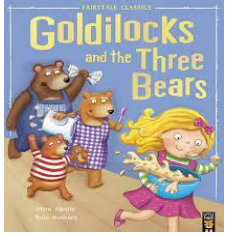


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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Christmas jumper and party day. s

## Year 1 Curriculum

### Into our Imagination



In English, the children are learning all about traditional tales and well-known stories. The children are learning about the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and have made porridge to help with their instruction writing. The children will read and learn many stories to support writing for different purposes and to develop their understanding of the structure of traditional tales.



In Maths, Year 1 children will continue to consolidate their understanding of place value within 10 and will delve deeper into addition and subtraction before exploring 2D and 3D shapes.



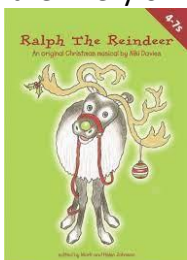
In Science, the children will be learning all about the seasons: Autumn, Winter, Spring, and Summer. We will observe seasonal changes and take part in an Autumn walk. The children will look closely at our environment spotting changes from Autumn to Winter and monitor the weather.

In Computing, the children will continue to develop their skills navigating Purple Mash, their understanding of grouping and sorting and how we can use technology to support with this. They will finish this topic by learning how to create an animated story book using Code.

In Geography, the children will be learning about human features. They will begin to understand that human features are designed and built by humans. We will do this by exploring houses, shops, offices, farms, factories and ports.



In Art, we will be studying and creating a showstopper piece inspired by Karen Lederer. The children will create a printed piece of art inspired by Karen Lederer's Untitled 30. They will learn how to use a stencil and create their very own stencils too.



In Music, the children will be developing their understanding of rhythm and pulse by learning and practicing the songs for our Christmas performance of Ralph the Reindeer.

In RE, the children will be learning all about Eid and Christmas which links to our PSHE topic in Jigsaw of celebrating differences. What an exciting term we have ahead of us!

## Communication

If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please record this in your child's Home/School link book. Alternatively, you can email the Year 1 teaching team on the following email address: [year1@priorschool.milton-](mailto:year1@priorschool.milton-)

All teachers can access this email address and will respond around teaching commitments. Thank you!

### Our Priory Rise Value of the Month for November & December

#### 'Forgiveness'

During the month of November, we are focusing on our school value of 'forgiveness'. We will be discussing what it means to forgive others and ourselves and how we can demonstrate forgiveness.

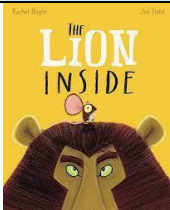


In December, our value of the month will be:  
Peace



Each month we spend time discussing our value, reading stories that demonstrate our value and celebrating children that show our values.

### Recommended Reads from Jeffers Class



#### 'The Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright because:

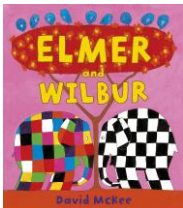
We love the rhyming words in this book and the fun and lighthearted way that it conveys a super important message, that you don't have to be big and brave to find your roar – we are all capable of wonderful things.

The Book With No Pictures

B.J. Novak

#### 'The Book With No Pictures' by B.J. Novak because:

This book provides us with lots of laughs and is a popular choice. Jeffers ask to read this story at least once a day! We think this book is hilarious and couldn't believe the words that the book made Miss Brown read.



#### 'Elmer and Wilbur' by David McKee because:

We read this book and wrote a character description on Elmer. Jeffers Class love how cheeky Wilbur was and how clever that he could talk without moving his mouth. Jeffers Class enjoyed the tricks that Wilbur played on Elmer and can't wait to read more of Elmer's adventures.

### Working in Partnership



Thank you for all your support. We look forward to another half-term of working together to support your wonderful children to achieve everything they have dreamed of and more!