

Year One Newsletter

Spring 1 2024



Welcome back and a happy new year to all our wonderful Year 1 children and their families. We hope that you have had a relaxing break and enjoyed spending time with your families. The children worked so hard last term and definitely deserved a well-earned rest! We are excited for another busy half term at Priory Rise and cannot wait to see your children grow and flourish.

Reading Raffle

Homework



As part of the children's homework, we ask that they read their Little Wandle phonics book everyday to develop their fluency, pace and automaticity.

This half term we are introducing our reading raffle to encourage a love for reading. Each time a child reads their Little Wandle phonics book on 3 different days, they will earn a raffle ticket. The raffle ticket will be put in a box and, each Friday, each class will draw 3 names from the box and those 3 children will be able to choose a toy.



It has been fantastic to see how many children have been completing their homework each week. We love seeing their passion for learning and excitement for homework. Purple Mash homework is set each week on a Monday due in for the following Monday. Log-in details can be found in the front of their red reading records. If you need any further support, please talk to your child's teacher.

We encourage you to hear your child read daily for 10-15 minutes. Please write when you have read with them in their reading records so they can earn a reading raffle ticket. This must be their phonics book. **Please send in your child's phonics book and red reading record in daily.**

Ways you can support your child at home

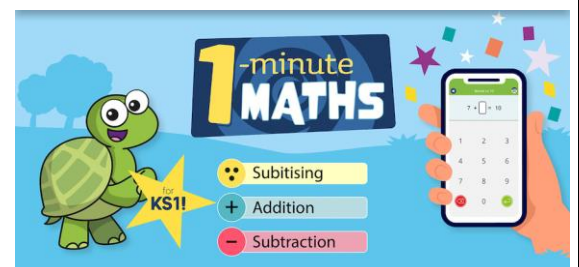
Many of you have asked how you can help support your child's learning journey at home. In order to help your child succeed at home, here are a few things you can do.

Maths

- Number formation – practice writing numbers. This can be done in lots of fun ways through drawing, painting and colouring too.
- Developing confidence with number bonds to 10 and 20 as we move through the spring term.
- Practice subitising – saying how many they see! We do this in most Maths lessons to support their fluency.
- Supporting children to complete their weekly Purple Mash tasks.

Here are some songs and resources that may support you with this:

- Making Ten (Number Bonds to 10 song) – YouTube
- Hey 20 you've got a lot of friend's song – YouTube
- Counting by 2's/5's/10's songs – YouTube
- 1 Minute Maths App (Whiterose) – Free App



Phonics and Reading:

- Practice the sounds and words sent home on the phonics take home cards.
- If you need support with phonics resources, Little Wandle have a parent page on their website <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>
- Read their phonics book with them daily.
- Read and listen to stories to enjoy together.
- Model reading with expression.
- Ask who/where/what/how/why questions to support your child's comprehension skills. The Reading Vipers are available on the school website.
- Practice retelling stories that they have read or traditional tales.

Writing:

- Practice spelling and writing the words on the phonics take home cards and any phonics from phase 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- Practice letter formation.
- Writing for fun! Can the children write anything for you at home? This can be shopping lists, stories, letters, the list goes on.
- Asking children to use their segmenting fingers to spell words – in Year 1 these only need to be phonetically plausible.

Here are some resources that may support you with this:

- <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>
- Phonics Play – Free Website
- Phase 3 and 4 Tricky word songs – YouTube

If you would like more ideas on how to support your child at home you can find our booklet [here](#).

Thank you for all of your ongoing support, we really appreciate it.

The Year 1 Curriculum

Dive into the Ocean



- ❖ During English, our learning will be based upon our theme 'Dive into the Ocean'. The children will learn all about the different animals and use their knowledge to write fact files and develop their descriptive writing. They will read stories and poems and write their own version of 'Tiddler' whilst raising awareness about how to look after our oceans. We will also be exploring word classes and developing our understanding and use of nouns, verbs, expanded noun phrases and similes.

- ❖ In Geography the children will be learning all about the world around them, starting with the United Kingdom. They will develop their understanding of their location on a map and learn all about the capital cities before moving onto the 7 continents and their oceans.



- ❖ Continuing our theme, in DT the children will be designing and creating their very own raft. They will investigate materials and decide which one is best to build a raft before designing, making and evaluating their very own!

- ❖ In Maths, we will be exploring place value, addition and subtraction to 20, numbers within 50, length and height and mass and capacity.
- ❖ This half term in Science we are exploring materials and their properties. By the end of the half term we will be able to identify a range of different materials and describe their properties using scientific vocabulary.
- ❖ In Music, the children will continue to explore rhythm and pulse and explore a range of instruments.
- ❖ In RE we are learning all about rituals and religion. The children will discuss different rituals in different religions including Salat, Puja and The Holy Communion. **If anyone has any experiences of these and would like to volunteer to come and talk to the children about your religion and the rituals, you follow we would love to invite you into school. Please email the Year 1 email address if you would like to volunteer.**
- ❖ In PSHE, we will be talking about dreams and goals and encouraging the children to set goals for themselves. We will be talking to them about how to plan to achieve these goals and share our goals for the future.

Our Priory Rise Value of the Month for November and December



Self Confidence

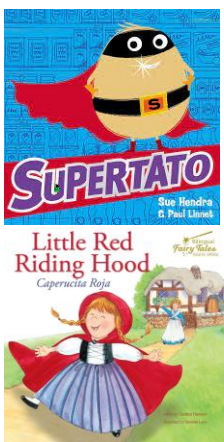
During the month of January, we are focusing on our school value of 'self-confidence'. We will be discussing what this means and practicing strategies to build our self-confidence.

In February, our value of the month will be:

Loyalty

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

McKee Class Recommended Reads

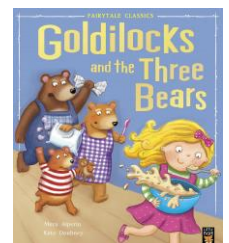


'Supertato' by Sue Hendra because:

We love the humour in all of the Supertato stories – it always makes us laugh. We also love being able to predict what solution Supertato is going to come up with to ensure the veggies are safe and happy!

'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' because:

We loved learning all about traditional tales and these were definitely our favourites. We have read lots of different versions of each story by different authors. We were able to use our story telling language to retell the story and even explain the differences between each version. We still haven't quite decided on our favourite version yet!



“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

We would love to share some of your child's favourite stories. If your child has any books they would like to share in school, please send it in their bookbag and ask them to give it to their teacher. We love reading at Priory Rise and want to share that reading bug with everyone!

Contact Us

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@prioryrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk

All teachers are able to access this email address and will respond outside of teaching hours, but before 6pm each day. Thank you!

Dates for the Diary

22nd January – Parks Trust water safety talk for Year 1.

9th February – Chinese New Year celebration.

12th February – Parents evening- 3:30 – 7pm in person.

15th February – Parents evening- 3:30 – 5pm in person.

16th February – Dress down day.

Finally...

We have got such an exciting, action-packed half term ahead of us! We continue to look forward to working in partnership with you to help support your child's learning journey. Thank you for all of your continued support.



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