

Year One Newsletter

Spring 1 2023



Welcome back and a happy new year to all of 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 Priority Rise and cannot wait to see your children grow and flourish.

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 creating their very own ocean animal using clay. The children will develop their understanding of clay and how to use it, design and create their sea animal before evaluating their brilliant creations.
- ❖ In Maths, we will be exploring place value, addition and subtraction to 20. The children will explore the composition of these numbers to develop their understanding of tens and ones.
- ❖ In Science, we will be developing our scientific enquiry skills and carrying out lots of fun experiments. The children will develop their understanding of Science and how to carry out an experiment. They will use their prediction and observation skills and develop their understanding of how to record results.
- ❖ In Music, the children will continue to explore sound and develop their understanding and knowledge of 'timbre'. They will explore ways to develop their voices creatively and continue to develop performing with others.

- ❖ 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.

Uniform

Last term there was a lot of unnamed uniform in the lost property. Please can you ensure all of the children's belongings are clearly named so they can be returned if they are misplaced. Thank you for your support in this.

The children in Year 1 are becoming more independent each day. We are encouraging them to become more independent and responsible for their belongings.



Homework



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. MyMaths 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 more puzzle pieces in their reading race.

Other 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 MyMaths tasks.

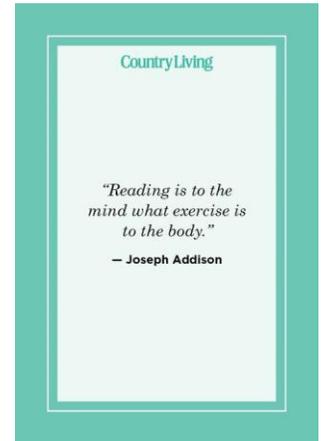
Here are some songs and resources that may support you with this:

- Making Ten (Number Bonds to 10 song) – Youtube
- Hey 20 you've got a lot of friends 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 question 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 songs and 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

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

Our Priory Rise Value of the Month for November and December

Resilience

During the month of January, we are focusing on our school value of 'resilience'. We will be discussing what this means, practicing strategies to develop resilience and highlighting everyone who shows resilience every day.

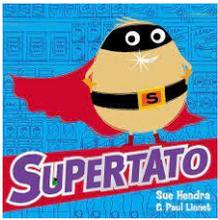
In February, our value of the month will be:

Care

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

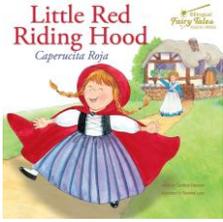


McKee Class Recommended Reads



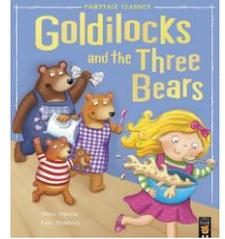
'Supertato' by Sue Hendra because:

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!



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!

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

Contact Us	Dates for the Diary
<p>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</p> <p>All teachers are able to access this email address and will respond outside of teaching hours, but before 6pm each day. Thank you!</p>	<p>W/B - 6th February – Parents evening. Dates and times to be confirmed.</p>

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.



Richard's class