



## Year 3 Newsletter Autumn 2 - 2023



*Well done to everyone in Year 3 for such a wonderful and successful first half term.  
We look forward to another fun term together.*

### Year 3 Curriculum

- In **English** this half term, we will be basing our key learning around a popular story written by Roald Dahl - 'Fantastic Mr. Fox'. We will study a range of different text types including 'newspaper reports', as well as composing our own 'wanted' poster for Mr. Fox.
- Our **Maths** topics this half term will continue working on addition and subtraction. We will then move onto Multiplication and Division. It's important that children are able to use the column method to add, subtract and multiply. Then use the bus stop method to divide.
- In **Science**, our focus will be on the topic of 'Light and Shadow'. Children will learn where light comes from, how shadows are formed and investigate how shadows change. If the children have any information or books about 'Light and Shadow', they are more than welcome to bring them in to share. We encourage the children to make use of the school library. Local libraries have a wonderful selection of books, which may help with home learning, or homework activities.
- In **Geography**, we will be learning about the United Kingdom. We delve into the countries that make up the UK, alongside their capital cities. Due to the UK being an island, we investigate the different seas that surround us. Our final part of our learning journey, encourages the children to research into their home county 'Buckinghamshire'.
- In **Art** this term, we will be focusing on a particular artist - all will be revealed after the first lesson! We will then recreate our own piece of work in the style of this artist.
- In **Music**, the children will continue to develop their recorder skills. We will be recapping notes B and A, as well as introducing the note G towards the end of term.
- In **Computing** this half term, children will begin an introduction to Coding. This will allow children the opportunity to code, test and debug as well as use timers.
- In **RE**, we will be continuing with our Hinduism topic and looking at Diwali in particular.
- We will begin our **French** lessons at the start of term, we will continue recapping learning how to say colours, number and greetings in French with increasing confidence.



## Priory Rise's 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 and how we can demonstrate kindness in our everyday lives. In December, our value of the month will be 'Peace'.

### Homework!

Thank you so much for all of your help with last term's 'Homework Bingo'. We have received such positive responses in regard to the homework tasks we set and were blown away by the children's efforts.

This term's **homework bingo** has been sent out to all children via 'parent mail' and 'Google Classroom'. **MyMaths homework** will be available online from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 for children to complete. Homework will be due on the Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Please let your class teacher know if you have any problems logging in. Alongside this, it is the expectation that children will be **reading** regularly at home and practicing their **times tables**, ready for their weekly multiplication challenge.



### Physical Education

PE and Games in Key Stage 2 continues to take place on the following days this half term:

	Year 3 Morpurgo	Year 3 Ahlberg	Year 3 Pullman
Indoor PE	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Outdoor PE	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday

Mr Smyth and Mr Neal teach all PE sessions. Please ensure that your child has shorts and t-shirt for indoor PE and an appropriate warm PE kit for outdoor PE. Please label all PE kit.

**Colder weather - due to the change in colder weather, please ensure that children have an appropriate hoodie and jogging bottoms for outside PE lessons.**



### Recorders

As much as we encourage children to take their recorders home to practise, please can you ensure your child brings their recorder back into school for their next music lesson. We do have a number of spare recorders in school for the children to use, if they forget theirs.

### Jigsaw Lessons

In our Jigsaw lessons this half term, we will be focusing on 'Celebrating Differences'. We will be discussing people of different races, religions, disabilities, and cultures.



## Healthy Snack

### **Fruit and Healthy Snacks and Water**

Just a reminder that we are very pleased that children in Foundation and Key Stage 1 are provided with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack during the school day. In keeping with our Healthy Schools Policy **all** children are also encouraged to bring their own healthy snack to enjoy during morning break – this should be fruit, vegetables or dried fruit. **(Snack bars or any other sort of biscuit/crisp snacks are not permitted. Please do remember that we are a nut free school – this includes products that contain nuts.)**



### End of day routine

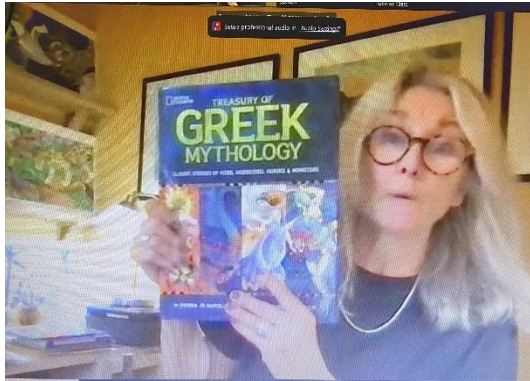
Just a small reminder, when children are being dismissed at the end of the day by their teacher, please ensure you collect your children and leave the playground as soon as you can so the premises team can lock the school gates. Thank you for your understanding with this.

### Dates for the diary

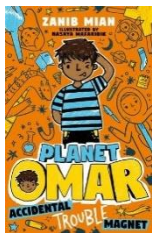
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023- Inset Day
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023-Fireworks Night!
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023-Diwali celebrations.
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023- Anti-bullying week begins (Odd Socks Day)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023- Christmas Lunch.

## Roman Day Celebrations

We had such a wonderful Roman Day at school last half term! The children got to take part in lots of fun activities and even got to meet the author of *Escape From Pompeii*- Christina Balit.

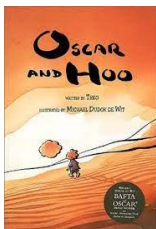


## Year 3 Book Recommendations



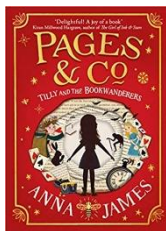
**Miss Dixon recommends.... Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian**

Omar is a boy with a vivid imagination, but he also worried about school, bullies and what his parents think of him. With ingenious ideas and creative thinking, he manages to make the best of every situation. You will laugh out loud! !



**Mrs Fox and Miss Fenables recommend.... Oscar and Hoo by Theo**

Oscar is a dreamer. And sometimes he forgets where he is. When Oscar is on vacation and daydreaming, he loses his parents. Alone in the big, empty desert, he is afraid. All seems hopeless, until the most extraordinary friend appears.



**Mrs Brazeley recommends.... Pages & Co.: Tilly and the Bookwanderers by Anna James**

This is a beautifully written story about a girl who lives in a bookshop with her grandparents. Estranged from her mother who went missing one day soon after she was born. Tilly has always wondered why she left. Then, one day, Tilly meets a familiar girl in the bookshop someone she knows well but has never met before- Anne of Green Gables, the title character of one her mother's favourite books. It turns out that all it not as it seems in the bookshop and Tilly soon discovers she can think herself inside the pages of the books she reads. Tilly is no ordinary girl- she is a book Wanderer.

If you need to get in contact with any of the Year 3 teachers. Please email us on [Year3@prioryrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk](mailto:Year3@prioryrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk). Thank you.