



Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 1, 2024

Happy New Year to everyone!

We hope you all had an amazing break and we now look forward to diving into the Spring Term. We have another exciting half term that is packed with engaging new topics and lots of fun.

Year 4 Curriculum

This half term, we are very excited by the range of topics we are covering.

In **English**, we will be reading '**The Legend of Podkin One-Ear**' by Kieran Larwood. It is a firm favourite amongst staff and children and we will be basing our writing on this text. We will be writing in a variety of genres including: **character descriptions, diary entries and biographies.**

In **Maths**, we will continue to embed our understanding of **multiplication and division** before moving onto **length and perimeter.**

In **Science**, our focus will be on the topic of '**Sound.**' Children will explore how sound is made, travels and is received. They will use their scientific reasoning to predict and explain different elements of sound.

In our **DT** lessons, we will be making **dips and crudites.** We have a real chef coming in to support us with this! We will plan, make and evaluate our products... as well as ensuring we have had a taste test.

In **Music**, children will continue to develop their **keyboard** skills.

In **History**, we are immersing ourselves in the topic of **crime and punishment.** We will focus on different periods of time including: Roman Britain, Anglo-Saxons and The Victorian Era. We will compare past and present and delve into how the role of the police force has changed.

In **Computing** this half term, children will be focusing on **spreadsheets.** They will build on prior learning and explore how to manipulate and input data for a purpose.

In **RE** this half term, we will be learning about **Judaism**. We will be exploring the key beliefs and looking at the features of a synagogue. We will also look at the importance of the Torah in the Jewish faith.

In **PSHE**, we will follow the unit entitled '**dreams and goals**', where we will think about how to manage the feelings that come with achieving or not achieving goals and how to move forward with this positively.

Value of the Month

January: **Self confidence**



February: **Loyalty**



Homework

We look forward to seeing some more amazing Homework this half term! Homework will be set on a Friday afternoon and needs to be returned the following Friday. This will be set on MyMaths and on Google Classroom.

Alongside this, it is the expectation that children practise their times tables each week using TTRS or Purple Mash.

At Priory Rise, we consider Homework to be extremely important as a means of continuing and developing the learning that takes place in the classroom. We welcome the support that parents provide in assisting their children with homework at home and encouraging the children to complete their tasks to the best of their ability and to the highest of standards.

Thank you for your support with this!



Physical Education

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

	Fletcher Class (Miss Birmingham)	Wilson Class (Miss Major)	Larwood Class (Miss Bastiani)
1	Wednesday	Friday	Friday
2	Wednesday	Friday	Friday

Mr Smyth and Mr Neal will teach the children both PE sessions. Please ensure that your child arrives to school already dressed in their full kit, including **black** plimsols or trainers, on the above days. Also, as the weather becomes colder, please ensure that children have appropriate warm outdoor PE kit.

Reading

This half term, we wanted to involve you in our amazing VIPERS work. Practising these comprehension skills at home is essential to supporting your child's progress.

I is for Inference



Inference is a tricky skill to master. It is all about using reasoning and evidence to come to appropriate conclusions. It helps children to uncover hidden meanings and have a deeper understanding of the text.

Here are some questions you could ask your child when reading together at home:

- What do you think ... means?
- Why do you think...?
- Can you explain that?
- Why did the Author choose those words/techniques?
- How is the character feeling? What helps you know that?

Enrichment

Our Victorian day was a huge success! The children looked absolutely amazing and we all had a such a great day. We immersed ourselves in Victorian life and created a multitude of Victorian items. What amazing memories we've made!



Library

We are so lucky to have such an amazing library at Priory Rise and the children love to spend time here.

All children will have the opportunity to visit the library once a week. During this time, the children have access to a wide range of texts. These books are then allowed to be taken home.

Children who are 'free readers' are allowed to select 2 library books as these replace their banded reading book.

Wilson: Monday

Fletcher: Tuesday

Larwood: Thursday

Snacks

Thank you for supplying your children with snacks. This really keeps their energy levels up throughout the day.

We would just like to reiterate that snacks should be either fruit or vegetables.

Thank you for your support with this.



Staff in Year 4

Teachers:

Miss Major- Year 4 Leader & Wilson Class Teacher

Miss Bastiani - Larwood Class Teacher

Mrs Birmingham - Fletcher Class Teacher

Mr Revers - Trainee Teacher

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Awad, Mrs Knowles & Mrs Pargeter

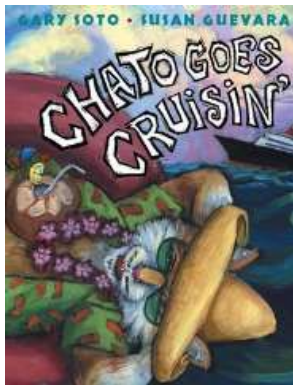
Book recommendations



You Are Awesome – Matthew Syed

Children's book of the year 2019

Inspire and empower children to find the **confidence** to realise their potential. 'You Are Awesome' shows readers that success really is earned and that with hard work, practice, and most importantly, a Growth Mindset, they can achieve (almost) anything.



Chato Goes Cruisin' – Gary Soto

Having looked forward to their wonderful cruise, cats Chato and Novio Boy find themselves aboard a boat filled with dogs and quickly realize that they made a big mistake until the two feline friends decide to make the best of it and have a good time-despite their strange surroundings! A story of **loyalty** and faithfulness.

Dates for your diary

5th February – wear something yellow for Mental Health Awareness

Parent consultations (In school)

Monday 12th February : 3:30 – 7pm

Thursday 15th February : 3:30 – 5:30

Friday 16th February – Dress Down Day

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, we hope you have found it useful. If you have any queries, please remember you can email us at:

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