



Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2, 2024



Hello!

We hope you all had a restful and relaxing half term break. We are very much looking forward to some more fun-filled weeks. We have some amazing topics approaching that we know your children will love. We hope they share this at home with you all.

Year 4 Curriculum

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

In **English**, we will be reading '**There's a Rang-Tan in my bedroom**' by James Sellick. This text is beautifully presented and contains an important message. We will be basing our writing on this throughout the half term. We will be writing in a variety of genres including: **a narrative, a persuasive letter and a non-chronological report.**

In **Maths**, we will be diving into **fractions**. We will explore mixed numbers, compare fractions, explore improper fractions, convert improper fractions, develop our understanding of equivalent fractions, add and subtract fractions and work with decimals. **We do love this unit!**

In **Science**, our focus will be on the topic of '**The Digestive System and Teeth.**' Children will explore the different parts of the digestive system and how they work together. We will learn the scientific names of each part and delve into the processes and importance of each part. We will also explore our teeth, focusing on scientific names, oral hygiene and the importance of them withing the digestion process.

In our **Art** lessons, we will be looking at **Antoni Gaudi**. We will explore the features of his work and look at the impact he had. We will create our own designs in the style of Gaudi before completing our final trencadis style artwork.

In **Music**, children will continue to develop their **keyboard** skills. They have made great progress with this already. They are growing in confidence every week.

In **Geography**, we are immersing ourselves in the highly anticipated topic of **Rainforests**. We will focus on locating rainforests, exploring the layers of the rainforest and what impact humans have had on it over the years.

In **Computing** this half term, children will be focusing on **writing for different audiences**. They will explore the format and style of different texts produced online and we will become journalists creating our own online newspaper.

In **RE** this half term, we will be learning about **Judaism**. This half term we will build on our Spring 1 knowledge and look into Jewish festivals and celebrations.

In **PSHE**, we will follow the unit entitled '**Healthy Me**', where we will think about making healthy choices and how to manage peer pressure. This unit includes discussions on cigarettes and alcohol.

Value of the Month

March: Tolerance



Homework

We hope you have been enjoying our new reading comprehension snippet for the homework! We welcome any feedback from our families. 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 will continue to 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, in wet weather, please ensure that children have appropriate outdoor footwear.

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.

E is for Explain



Explaining and articulating ideas can be a tricky skill to master. It requires lots of brain power. Please support your children in explaining themselves by encouraging them to provide details and evidence from a text.

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

- Explain why you think that (using because).
- Why do you think...?
- Explain why the Author used those words/phrases?
- Did the Author describe (character in a positive way? Explain your choice.
- How is the character feeling? Give two reasons to explain your choice.

Ask your child to give you evidence from the text each time.

Enrichment

Our residential is fast approaching and we will be in touch with more details. If you would like a place for your child, please log in to Arbor and book them on. We will be closing the booking system shortly. Thank you.



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 Gifford - Trainee Teacher

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Awad, Mrs Knowles & Mrs Pargeter

Dates for your diary

Fletcher Parent consultations (In school)

Monday 4th March : 3:30 - 7pm

Thursday 7th March : 3:30 - 5:30

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 8th March - Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 15th March - Comic Relief 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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