



Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 1, 2024

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fun-filled break and enjoyed some time with your family and friends. We have so many things to look forward to again this half term and we are excited to get started. I can't quite believe that we are in the Summer Term. What a fantastic year it has been so far!

Year 4 Curriculum

This half term, we will continue to deliver some fantastic topics.

In **English**, we will be reading '**How to train your dragon**' by Cressida Cowell. This text is adventurous, exciting and hooks you into the world of the Hairy Holligan Tribe. We will be basing our writing on this throughout the half term. We will be writing in a variety of genres including: **a character description, instructions and a newspaper report.**

In **Maths**, we will be diving into **decimals, money and time.** We will develop our mathematical skills of partitioning, comparing and converting across these topics.

In **Science**, we will be immersing ourselves in the topic of '**Living things and their habitats**'. Children will explore food chains and webs. Additionally, we will focus on classification and the development of this scientific skill.

In our **DT** lessons, we will be looking at **weather stations.** We are looking into Weather Vanes and Anemometers and their jobs. This is linked closely with our Geography topic and we will research, design, create and evaluate our very own weather vane.

In **Music**, the children continue to build on their **keyboard skills** and they are becoming increasingly more fluent. They are working on their dexterity and pace.

In **Geography**, we are looking at **Weather and Climate**. We will focus on the differences between the two and explore different climate zones. The children will use a variety of mediums to research this topic including atlases, chromebooks and information texts.

In **Computing** this half term, children will be focusing on a unit called **LOGO**. The children will learn how to use a program to manipulate objects using code. They will build on their knowledge and skills of coding and debugging.

In **RE** this half term, we will be learning about **Jesus**. We will build on our understanding of Christianity and discuss the bible and gospels.

In **PSHE**, we will follow the unit entitled **Relationships**,

Reading

We are very grateful and value your support with reading at home. Practising comprehension skills at home is essential to supporting your child's progress.

S is for Summarising



Summarising can be a tricky skill to master. It requires them to tell the most important parts of the text, in their own words, in a much shorter way. Please support your children in practicing this skill using the text to support their responses.

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

- What are the key points? Tell me in your own words.
- Is that a significant part of the text? Explain.
- What is the text about? Tell me in your own words.
- If you were to write a summary what order would the key points go in?

Ask your child to give you evidence from the text each time (e.g. where they found the information).

Thank you for your support!



How can you help?

Any topic related discussions or activities at home will support your child's progress. Here are a few pointers to get you started!

1. Encourage children to keep a journal to keep their writing skills fresh.
2. Encourage children to tell the time and figure out time related problems (How long until dinner?).
3. Encourage your child to use money in real life situations.
4. Ask your child if they could check the weather for you. It could be in different parts of the country and beyond.
5. Complete a weather diary for a few weeks.
6. Create a poster on healthy relationships.

Library

Our library session is a well anticipated part of our week and the children enjoy this time to relax, read for pleasure and enjoy sharing books together.

Our Year 4 children have become well practiced in recommending books to others and love to share their enthusiasm for texts they have read. They particularly love finding topic books related to our learning.

We visit our amazing library once a week and 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

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.

Enrichment

Our residential is fast approaching and we will be in touch with more details very soon. Watch this space!

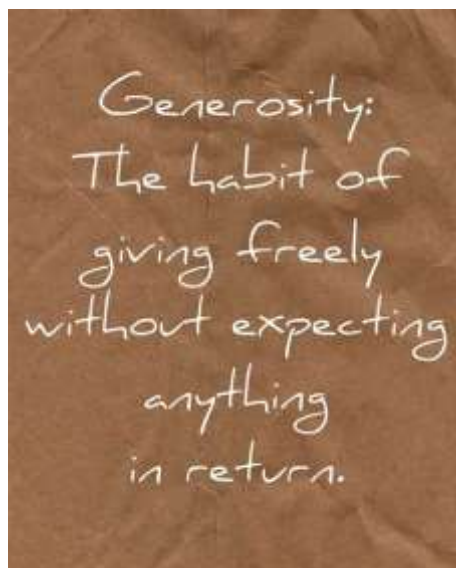


Value of the Month

April: **Patience**



May: **Generosity**



Homework

We love the enthusiasm and effort put into the Homework.
Some of it goes up on display!

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!



Snacks

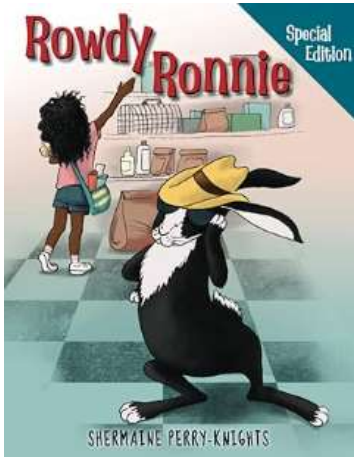
Thank you for supplying your children with snacks. This really keeps their energy levels up throughout the day.

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

Thank you for your support with this.



Book recommendations



Rowdy Ronnie - Shermaine Perry-Knights

Looking for an engaging book to teach kindness and patience? Here it is! Join Ryan as she explores what it means to be responsible for and be kind to a rowdy rabbit named Ronnie.

All Ryan wants is a pet to love and care for, but what happens when she gets a rabbit that is too much to handle? **Is she able to take care of a pet that makes her home a mess and isn't very lovable?** This isn't as easy as it seems, considering the trouble Ronnie gets into.



Under the lemon moon - Edith Hope Fine

In this story set in rural Mexico, a young girl named Rosalinda awakens one night to find that a Night Man has taken the lemons from her beloved tree. Soon after this event, the tree begins to sicken. Rosalinda asks for advice.

When her grandmother tells Rosalinda about La Anciana—the Old One—the girl begins to search for her. Just when Rosalinda discovers the Night Man selling her lemons in the market, La Anciana appears. “Perhaps he had a need,” the Old One tells Rosalinda and offers instructions for healing the tree.

The story ends as Rosalinda gives away the beautiful lemons that her healthy tree now yields, including one to the Night Man whom she tells to plant the seeds while the lemon moon is still in the sky.

Multiplication check

Year 4 children will complete a multiplication assessment before the end of the year to ensure their times table knowledge is at the expected level. Please encourage your children to practise regularly. Accuracy and speed are key!

Thank you <3

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

6th May – Bank holiday (school closed)
9th May – Year 4 showcase
23rd May – Class photos
25th May – Final day of this half term

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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