

Welcome to Year 5! This term, we have a range of fun and exciting learning that will take place and cannot wait for the year ahead with each and every single one of you! We kicked off the term with Jungle Safari week, where we engaged in numerous activities that developed our understanding of The Jungle. We enjoyed reading our class text, *Into The Jungle* by Katherine Rundell, retelling the first few pages and then predicting what will happen next. We finished the week by watching *The Jungle Book* and making some Jungle Banana Pops .



Let's begin by welcoming Miss Huish, who is returning to Year 5, Balen class, from maternity leave. She has already been in to meet the children last term and is eager to get teaching and learning with the children.

As usual, with any questions, please ask your child's class teacher on the gate or via our email address: year5@prioryrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Curriculum Overview

Rowling, Blackman, Horowitz

This half term in **English**, all our writing will be based around our Science topic of 'Space'. Over the course of the half term, the children will write: a non-chronological report about planets, a diary entry landing on a planet they have designed and finally a biography on Katherine Johnson. We can't wait to get stuck into our writing.



We will continue to build on our Place Value skills in **Maths** this term, reading, writing, ordering, rounding and comparing numbers to 1,000,000. Following this, we will move onto addition and subtraction and multiplication and division, where we will focus on written methods and reasoning.

Our **Science** topic this term is 'Space and Earth'. During this topic, lots of learning will be taking place including: Spherical Bodies, The Planets, Day and Night, The Phases of the Moon, Seasons and finally we will research an influential Scientist and understand how their theories contributed to Science today.

During **History** this term, we will be learning about The Shang Dynasty. We are really excited to be learning about this period of History as we are the first year group to be doing so. Our learning will involve looking at where The Shang Dynasty fits in our historic timeline, Gods and Kings, Dragon Boats and artefacts during this era. If you have any artefacts on this topic that you would like to share with the class, please speak to your class teacher about this.

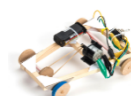


We will be learning about sacred spaces in **RE** this term, looking at both a church and a Sikh Temple.

In **PSHE**, children will be following the Jigsaw unit 'Me in My World'. In this unit, children think about their year ahead, understand rights and responsibilities as a citizen in their country and their school, as well as rewards and consequences about their own behaviour.



Finally, in **DT**, we will be designing, building and evaluating our own moon buggies.



Value of the Month

September – Integrity

October – Co-operation



During the first term we will be exploring the values of integrity and co-operation. These values will be a focus during assemblies as well as in PSHE lessons.

Physical Education

PE and Games in Year 5 continues to take place on the following day this half term:

	Year 5 Rowling	Year 5 Blackman	Year 5 Baln
Indoor PE	Monday	Monday	Monday
Outdoor PE	-	Friday	Friday
Swimming	Friday	n/a	n/a

Swimming dates are as follows:

Rowling- 13th September- 8th November

Blackman- 15th November- 24th Jan

Baln- 31st Jan- 4th April

Following this, children that have not yet achieved their 25m or need some extra practice will be required to go back from 25th April until the end of term.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full kit, including black plimsolls or trainers, on both of these days. We ask that children do not wear jewellery and have long hair tied back.

School uniform policy

Please can all young ladies in Year 5 remember that make-up and nail varnishes are not permitted in school.

Many thanks.



Nut Reminder

As many of you already know, Priory Rise is a 'nut free' school. Please remember that Nutella does contain nuts. Please can I also remind you that children are not to bring in packed lunches which contain nuts.

Homework in Year 5.

Homework will continue to be set on a Monday and will be due to be returned the following Monday.

If children would like help with this, we encourage them to come and chat with the class teacher.

Home/School link books are due in each week – class teachers will specify which day this is with their class. It is expected that there will be at least three entries per week. If this is not the case, children will be asked to complete some independent reading during a break time.

We strongly encourage access to homework through our Google Classroom platform. We recognise that not all of our children are able to access this and are happy to send home a paper copy on request. Please do get in contact if there are any problems with homework.

Marvellous Me

We love sharing our Marvellous Me moments with you. Please look out for more 'pings' to your phone this term. If you haven't already, please do speak to the office team about how to sign up and find out a little bit more about your child's successes in school.



Staff in Year 5

Mrs Laura Pry – Assistant Head and overseeing Years 5 & 6

Miss Asha Raval - Rowling Class Teacher and Year 5 Leader

Miss Jessica Cook - Blackman Class Teacher

Mis Hannah Huish - Balen Class Teacher

Mrs Saffron Deeks - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Julia Carter - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Kate Bronage - Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

Our reading recommendations

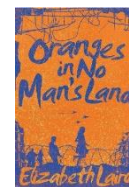


Miss Raval recommends: We are all Astronauts

This fantastic picture book written by award- winning creator, Kate Pankhurst, of Fantastically Great Women is a wonderful book to fit with this term’s learning of ‘Space’. It follows a young girl, Luna Scope, who inspires to be an astronaut. So how does Luna go from a cardboard rocket in her room to running experiments for the Internation Space Station (ISS)? Meeting incredible female space pioneers along the way, Granny takes Luna on a fact-filled space adventure showing her that anyone can be an astronaut if they dream big enough. Follow Luna’s fun- filled space journey to discover new and excting facts about Space and how is young girl achieved her dream.

Miss Cook recommends: Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird

My book recommendation is ‘Oranges in No Man's Land’ by Elizabeth Laird. This book follows the journey of a young girl who takes a dangerous risk to save her grandmother. I absolutely loved reading this book, I couldn’t put it down!



Miss Huish recommends: The Space We're In by Katya Balen

This is an amazing book by our class author, that explores life from the perspective of ten-year-old Frank. Frank's younger brother has been diagnosed with autism and he is learning to understand how differently people experience the world that we live in. It shows how perceptive and understanding Frank can be, alongside managing his own emotions within new and challenging times.

We look forward to exploring more Katya Balen books over the year, starting with our class 'Book of the month' - 'October, October'

Mrs Dobson recommends: Lost by Ele Fountain

Lost is a powerful book that encourages readers to think about how much good they have in their life. It is based around a young girl called Lola. Her life becomes unrecognisable in an instant as she encounters disaster after disaster – leaving her world turned upside down.

This is a story of grit and determination as Lola faces a new normal – where life is anything but normal! A wonderful book that is beautifully written – I recommend this as a must read!



Up-coming Summer Term dates for your diary:

Friday 13th September – First swimming lesson for Rowling Class

Friday 11th October- Black History Month

Tuesday 12th November- Year 5/6 Parent Pop in

Friday 15th November- Blackman’s first swimming lesson.