

Welcome back to our Summer term in Year Five. We have an exciting range of learning taking place this half term and cannot wait to get started on the final term of Year Five and most excitedly, residential!



Last term was certainly a jam packed and busy term with numerous enrichment activities. This included: bikeability, a trip to the waste centre and finally finishing the term with a fantastic sing off from all 3 classes. 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](mailto:year5@prioryrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk)

## Curriculum Overview

### Rowling, Blackman, Horowitz



This half term in **English**, we will be basing our learning around the text 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. Over the course of the half term, children will explore this text type whilst focusing on narratives, focusing on a setting description, a character description and finally a non-chronological report on the Amazon rainforest. We are excited to start this new text.

**Mathematics** skills will continue to focus on developing our arithmetic skills. An increased focus will take place with developing children's reasoning skills – unpicking how to solve mathematical problems. Our units of work include: statistics, shape; position and direction and decimals.

We are going to have lots of fun in **Science** exploring forces this half term. There will be lots of opportunities to plan and carry out investigations – getting really hands on with our science work. We will focus on forces that change speed, direction and shape; gravity; friction; water resistance and air resistance. Lots to do!



**Art** this half term will look closely at the artist Andy Warhol. We will begin with still life sketching and then use various media to represent food and packaging before producing a final piece which we hope to display at the end of the year around school. Look out for these at the open evening!

During **RE** children will be learning about the Prophet Muhammed and why he is an important figure to Muslims.

In **PSHE**, children will be following the Jigsaw unit 'Relationships'. In this unit, children will learn about the importance of safety in online communities and their relationship with technology – an important aspect to children's lives!



Finally, we are going to be carrying out a **Geography** unit on mapwork. Children will learn about how to read a map and the different symbols. Year 5 will also recap on locating countries within Europe and going further afield.

## Value of the Month



**April – Patience**  
**May – Generosity**



During the first summer term we will be exploring the values of patience and generosity. 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:

	<b>Year 5 Rowling</b>	<b>Year 5 Blackman</b>	<b>Year 5 Horowitz</b>
<b>Indoor PE</b>	Friday	Friday	Friday
<b>Outdoor PE</b>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Swimming</b>	Mixed classes		

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.

## Year 6 SATs

It seems a long way off, but we wanted to give the Year 5 parents and carers a heads up that the date for SATs next year for young people takes place from:

**Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May 2025.**

Please avoid these dates when booking holidays.

We also encourage parents to avoid the weeks running up to SATs in order for children to feel as prepared as possible.

## Physical Education

As the weather gets warmer (we hope!), we recommend children bring a named water bottle to school that they will have access to throughout the day to remain hydrated. We also encourage children to take their bottles home



each day for cleanliness.

## 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 the Summer Term

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.

## Safety online



Last term, the flyer to the left was sent to all families regarding safety whilst on Whatsapp. We understand due to the children's age, they are becoming more active online. Therefore, we would just like to remind you of how you can keep track of your child's online activity following the steps below:

1. Use a parental controls app.
2. Manually check your child's web history.
3. Set up a password-sharing policy.
4. Enable family safety features in gaming consoles.
5. Set up social media monitoring tools.

Next term, we will also be covering online safety in our PSHE lessons, so will be reminding the children that once something has been posted online, it is available for anyone to save or view. We therefore encourage you to remind your child of how they should be acting online and the

## Sing Off

The last day of the Spring term was a musical spectacular. Our Year 5 children shone brightly on stage at our annual event – Sing Off! Horowitz performed I Ain't Worried by One Republic. Blackman performed Wavin' flag when I'm dancing by K'Naan. And finally Rowling Class performed Counting Stars by One Republic. All children displayed such energy and passion in sharing their song with the rest of Key Stage Two and we are so very proud of their hard work and final performance. Well done Year Five!

language they should be using. Regular monitoring of your child's phone is advised to ensure they are accessing age appropriate materials and conducting safe behaviours online.

### Our reading recommendations

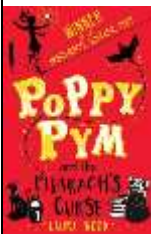


**Mrs Dobson recommends:**

This is an absolute must-read book!

I started reading just before half term and was so captivated by the story and the rich vocabulary – some of which I have had to look up. I also had to immediately message Miss Kent! It is recommended for 9-11 year olds.

The story revolves around a girl called Daisy who finds out that life is not everything she first believed it to be. With the disappearance of her mother, Daisy learns about herself and an entirely new world.



**Miss Raval recommends:** My book recommendation is 'Poppy Pym and the Pharaoh's Curse' by Laura Wood. If you want to revisit your learning on Ancient Egypt while trying to solve an exciting, unsolved mystery with Poppy Pym, then this is the book for you. I loved this book as it kept you hooked the whole way through on how this mystery was going to be solved. I also loved the funny names they gave the characters within the story.

**Mr Briscoe recommends:** My book recommendation is 'Fireborn' by Aisling Fowler.

I absolutely love fantasy books filled with magic and this is one of the best I have read yet! It is set in a prehistoric world where 'Twelve' (our protagonist) learns a secret, ancient art of hunting monsters. When her friend disappears, she sets off on a journey fraught with danger, but she soon realises that this quest will change her life and the entire world that she lives in. This is the first in an epic series of books that I cannot wait to continue. The best news is that the sequel has just released and the third book is coming this year - I cannot wait!



**Miss Cook recommends:** Can you get jellyfish in space? I saw the title for this non-fiction book and was immediately drawn in - I had heard of chimpanzees going to space and a couple of other animals but never jellyfish. In this book Dr Sheila Kanani investigates all the different animals that have gone to space and how these discoveries have contributed to science. I would recommend this book. It is a 10/10!



## 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.

## Up-coming Summer Term dates for your diary:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school and Eid Dress Up day.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April- Mixed swimming starts

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April- **Year 5 Showcase Assembly – Parents welcome. There will be two shows for this at the following times: 9am and 2.30pm**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May- Year 5 Residential.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May- Music Concert in the evening.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – last day of half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- INSET day

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June- Children return to school.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July- Year 5 and 6's Sports Day.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July- Open evening and Class Swap

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – end of the school year