

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

SPRING 1



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YEAR

Happy New Year!
Welcome back to a new term at Priory Rise. We hope you have all enjoyed some quality time with family and friends over the Christmas period.

Egypt Day!

This half term, our overarching topic will be Ancient Egypt. We kicked off the new year with our theme day, exploring some of what this topic has in store for us. The children all enjoyed opportunity to mummify an orange, research Pharaohs and create their own hieroglyphic bookmark on tea stained paper.



Staffing Updates in Year 5

Miss Asha Raval started her maternity leave the week before the Christmas break. We are so happy to share that Miss Raval has had a beautiful baby girl this week! We are excited to welcome Mrs Ami Richards to the Year 5 team. She will be taking over as Rowling Class Teacher for the remainder of this academic year.

Here is an update of the Year 5 team:



Miss Hannah Huish
Balen Class Teacher
Year 5 Team Leader



Miss Jessica Cook
Blackman Class Teacher



Mrs Ami Richards
Rowling Class Teacher



Mrs Saffron Deeks
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Julia Carter
Teaching Assistant



Mrs Elizabeth Kasibo
Trainee Teacher based in
Balen Class

Please make a note of the new Year 5 email address: year5@pr5d.com
As always, if you have any questions, please speak with your child's class teacher at the school gate or contact us via email.

Priory Rise School Values

January – Aspiration

February – Equality

During this half term we will be exploring the values of aspiration and equality. These values will be a focus during assemblies as well as in PSHE lessons



Curriculum Overview for Spring 1

English	All our writing this half term will be linked to our topic, Ancient Egypt. The children will begin by using their learning from enrichment day to write instructions on how to mummify an orange. Following on from this, the children will then read the first two pages of 'The Time-Slip Scarab' and will have to predict how the story continues. During their narrative writing, the children will adapt parts of the original story to make it their own narrative about exploring Egypt. They will finish by writing a newspaper report about Howard Carter's discovery.					
Maths	Week 1	Short & Long Multiplication				
	Week 2	Multiplication word problems & bus stop division				
	Week 3	Division with remainders & division word problems				
	Week 4	Multiplying fractions & fractions of a quantity				
	Week 5	Fractions of amounts & fractions as operators				
	Week 6	Fractions equivalent and decimals				
Science	'Materials and their Properties'. We will begin by recapping the properties of materials before investigating irreversible and reversible changes. Finally, we will explore how materials are dissolved.					
Grammar	Relative Clauses	Plural Possessive Apostrophes	Inverted Commas	Ed&Ing Openers	Parenthesis	Use of commas
History	We will be learning where Ancient Egypt fits in within our historic timeline, daily life in Egypt, the pyramids and afterlife.					
Art	The children will be creating their own Egyptian wall hangings. We will begin the process by doing some still sketching followed by a watercolour wash and finally painting the details.					
PSHE	This half term, the Jigsaw unit is 'Dreams and Goals'. In this unit, children will be thinking about their dream jobs, investigating jobs and careers, followed by understanding the steps they need to take to achieve their dream job.					

French	In our French lessons this term, we will begin with a recap of our phonics and learn how to describe different clothes.
RE	Within RE this term, we will be further exploring Christian beliefs, Christian charities, as well as famous and influential Christian figures.

PE & Swimming in Year 5

Outdoor PE	Monday Afternoons
Indoor PE	Friday Mornings

Swimming Dates:

Blackman – until 24th January

Balen – begins 31st January

Please note, swimming will be in place of the indoor PE session on a Friday morning.

Homework

Homework is available every Monday on Google Classroom. This will continue to be a range of MyMaths and Reading Comprehension, alternating with a writing task the following week. If you are having any difficulties accessing homework via Google Classroom, please speak to your child's class teacher.

MME



Marvellous Me is a fantastic resource we have in school, we love sharing your children's successes with you. If you haven't already, please do speak to the office team about how to sign up.

Bikeability

The Year 5 children will have the opportunity to take part in Bikeability next half term.

The children will be trained by professional, fully qualified instructors and accompanied by an adult from the school for each of the sessions. Children taking part will be asked to bring their bike to school (if they have one) on selected days during the below time frame, to enable them to participate in this training. This year, there is the opportunity to make use of loan bikes if needed.

Swimming commitments will determine which days your child will participate. The course will be split into two sessions, with the first taking place on 26th - 28th February and then second session 3rd - 5th March. The exact dates your child will participate will be shared nearer to the time.



A letter detailing the cost and further information to follow.
Please note, this is a first come, first serve basis, with 72 spaces available.

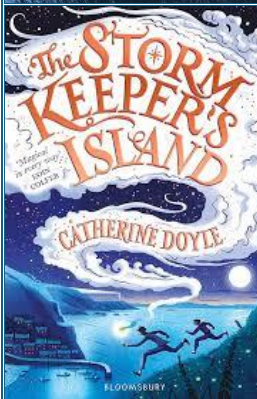
An instructor from the Bikeability team will be coming into school to talk to the children and offer a Q&A session on Thursday 6th February.

Book Recommendations



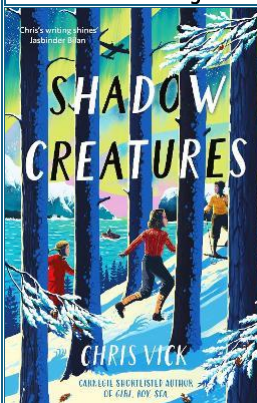
Miss Cook recommends..
The Haunting of Fortune Farm by Sophie Kirtley

This is a very exciting book that definitely kept me on my toes! I absolutely loved this spooky mystery and finding out what happened to the long-lost Viking hoard.



Mrs Richards recommends..
The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle

Fionn Boyle and his sister Tara have been sent to stay with their grandfather on the remote island of Arranmore (a real-life island just off the coast of north-west Ireland) for the summer. Whilst on the island, Fionn's relationship with his grandfather develops and he is drawn into an adventure involving mythical spirits. This fantasy novel draws upon Irish myths and legends to conjure up magical, dream-like qualities that will allow you fall in love with the writing. I love this book because the author does a great job of writing believable characters (the sibling relationship between Fionn and Tara is full of bickering, which might be relatable!) and vivid descriptions of the island of Arranmore.



Miss Huish recommends..
Shadow Creatures by Chris Vick

In Balen Class, we read an extract from Shadow Creatures and were hooked! It is a fantastic book, that is set in Norway during World War II. It explored the courage of those living through WW2 and has key links to the author's own family history.

BookTrust, Great Book Guide 2023 describes Shadow Creatures as
'Action-packed, moving and thought-provoking, this book will take your breath away.'



Mrs Dobson recommends..

Hero.com and Villain.net by Andy Briggs

Written by the same author, Andy Briggs has cleverly intertwined stories in different books to gain different perspectives. Imagine that you happen to come across a webpage that offers you a superpower. Which one would you select? How would it help you in your life? What you use it for good or bad? In Hero.com and villain.net you go on adventures where children do exactly that - discover that what they think is a game, actually becomes reality. If you like action-packed adventure, these books are for you. And the great news, there's a whole series of them to read through.

Reading at home:

Please try to ensure that your child is reading at least 3 times per week at home, this has such a big impact on their learning. Please record this in the red homeschool link books. Children can record their reading themselves, as long as this is acknowledged and signed by an adult. Homeschool link books are collected by class teachers and checked every Monday.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 8th January – Egyptian Day

Wednesday 29th January – Chinese New Year

Friday 31st January – Balen Class Swimming starts

Monday 3rd February – Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 5th February – Young Voices

Thursday 6th February – Bikeability Q&A

Tuesday 11th February – Whole Class Photos

Tuesday 11th February – Parents' Evening

Thursday 13th February – Parents' Evening