

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 Bear week, where we engaged in numerous activities that developed our understanding of Bears. We enjoyed reading our class text, *The Girl Who Speaks Bear*, answering different comprehension questions on the chapters.



Let's begin by welcoming the newest member of the team – Miss Cook – who is thrilled to be class teacher for Blackman class. 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

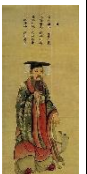
This half term in **English**, all our writing will be based around our Science topic of 'Space'. Over the course of the half term, the children will write: a non-chronological report about planets, a diary entry landing on a planet they have designed and finally a biography on Katherine Johnson. We 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.

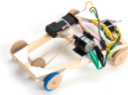


We will be learning about sacred spaces in **RE** this term, looking at both a church and also a Sikh Temple.

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 motorised vehicle. Look out for these on open evening!



Value of the Month



September - Respect
October – Appreciation

During the first term we will be exploring the values of respect and appreciation. 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 Horowitz
Indoor PE	Friday	Friday	Thursday
Outdoor PE	Tuesday	Tuesday	-
Swimming	n/a	n/a	Friday

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.



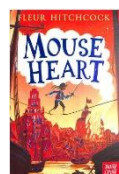
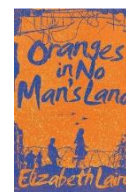
Our reading recommendations



Miss Raval recommends:

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 International 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 exciting facts about Space and how this young girl achieved her dream.

Miss Cook recommends: 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!



Mr Briscoe recommends: My book recommendation is 'Mouse Heart' by Fleur Hitchcock. This is a story for those who love a mystery paired with a thrilling adventure. A young girl, Mouse, is part of a theatre company when her friend Walter is wrongly arrested for murder. She makes it her mission to prove him innocent which takes her on a journey through the perilous streets of Victorian London. It had me on the edge of my seat throughout its entirety!

Mrs Dobson recommends: Over the summer break I read a smashing book called 'Time Riders'. It is about a trio of children who are able to travel backwards and forwards through time. It absolutely gripped me! It came recommended from a bookshop owner as a book that boys who read confidently would especially love – I think girls and boys would equally love this book. I think that if you enjoy adventure and being kept on the edge of your seat, you will love this. And there are 7 books in the series. I'm now on book 2!



Up-coming Summer Term dates for your diary:

Friday 15th September – Horowitz Class swimming

Monday 9th October- 5pm onwards- Open Evening for prospective new families and for existing families to see the school.

Friday 13th October- Harvest Assembly

17th, 18th and 19th October- Remote Parent Evenings for children in Years 1-6.

Friday 20th October- children break up for half term.