



Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2023 – Half Term 2

Welcome back to Spring 2

We hope you have all had a lovely break over the half term, all children have been thrown straight back into the routines of school life and loved our river walk as way to start our ‘Water’ topic. We have a very busy half term ahead with Bikeability starting at the end of this week.

Year 5 Curriculum

English this half term, in year 5, will have a ‘water’ focus to fit with our water topic. We will be exploring a wide range of texts types that link with water pollution.



Children will be exploring a picture book called *Somebody Swallowed Stanley* and from this text the children will be writing a story narrative and character description. As water pollution is a hot topic and the children have already found it inspiring, we will be conducting a debate and writing up a persuasive text towards the end of term.



In **Science**, our focus will continue on the topic of ‘Materials and their properties’. Children will continue to learn about different materials. As always, the children will have many chances to conduct their own investigations

thus improving their practical science skills. If the children have any information or books about 'Materials' we would love them to bring their books in to share with the rest of the class. We will also encourage the children to make use of the school library where they are able to explore a wide range of non-fiction science based books to help them with their understanding and learning.

Also this term, our Science week returns, the theme this year is 'Growth'.

Our **DT** is an exciting new project! Now that we are approaching spring, we are going to make use of our school garden and pond area. To link with our water theme, the children will be building and growing their very own floating garden!

Throughout this half term, the children will work together in pairs to research, plan, design and build a structure that will float but also help support the growth of daffodils.



In **Music** children will continue to learn and develop the skills needed to play the Djembe drums and will look in more depth at African music.

This half-term in **Computing**, Year 5 will continue their work developing their computing skills through designing and making online games using Purple Mash.

During **Jigsaw PSHE** lessons, our topic is Healthy Me. Throughout this unit of work, we will be exploring a range of different factors that can help us lead a healthy life style. This topic does cover topics such as smoking and we approach these areas sensitively so that children feel comfortable and listened to.



Finally, our **Geography** topic will focus on rivers from around the world. We will be looking closely at the different features of a river and how they are formed. The children will even be lucky enough to explore streams in person at the end of the term.

Priory Rise's

Value of the Month:

Courage

In our PSHE sessions and assemblies we are focusing on the value of courage. Throughout March we will be discussing courage and how showing courage can help us achieve great things. In April our value of the month will be:

Empathy



Homework



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. The homework is available via Google Classrooms but also as a hard copy.

Mymaths Updates

We are continuing to set Mymaths every other week as part of the Maths homework while the alternating weeks continue to be written based. You will find this half term, the Mymaths tasks have increased as we feel this is a good preparation for the transition into Year 6.

Physical Education

PE and Games in Key Stage 2 will take place on the following days this half term:

	Year 5 Rowling	Year 5 Blackman	Year 5 Horowitz
Outdoor PE	Tuesday	Weds	Weds
Indoor PE	Friday	NA	Friday
Swimming	N/A	Friday	NA

Mr Smyth and Mr Neal will teach the children both indoor and outdoor PE. Please ensure that your child has their full kit, including **black** plimsolls or trainers, in school on the above days.

Blackman class will continue with swimming this term every Friday morning



Library

All children in year 5 continue to have the opportunity to visit the library once a week. During their time in the library, the children have access to a wide range of texts. These books are then allowed to be taken home. For free readers, the library books become their reading book.



How to help with your child's learning at home!

To ensure your child gets the most out of school, it would be great if you help them at home as well! This can be done through supporting them complete their homework and Mymaths, along with regularly listening to your child read and helping them practise their spellings. At Priory Rise we use the reading VIPERS to help support the children's understanding of a text. If you do not have a copy of these already, please ask your child's teacher who will be happy to help. The year 5/6 spelling list can be found on our website under the year 5 page. 😊

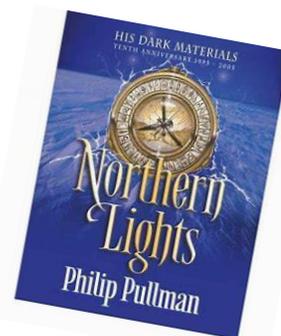


Another way to support your child's learning is to continue with timestables practise. By keeping this learning buoyant, it greatly impacts their number fluency thus helping your child to progress.



Teacher's book recommendations:

Miss Cooper: This month's book recommendation is another Phillip Pullman book (there is a theme here!). This book I think is a classic called The Northern Lights. If you like Harry Potter then give this book a



try. It is the first in a series of 3 books and it explores all sorts of magical problems.



Mr Briscoe: My book recommendation is 'The Book of Stolen Dreams' by David Farr. It is an adventure book about two children trying to save their world from the grasps of an evil dictator. If you love 'Beetle Boy' by M.G. Leonard or 'Tyger' by S.F. Said, then this is the book for you!

'The Last Bear by Hannah Gold' - Follow April on her adventure as she finds the last Polar Bear where it was thought there were none. The Polar bear is hungry, lonely and lost, in need of kindness. This is a wonderful story with some beautiful illustrations.



Dates for the Diary:

Friday 3rd March – Tuesday 7th March: Bikeability first group starts

Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th March: Bikability Group 2 starts

8th March: Holy Day

Week beginning 13th March: Science Week in school

Friday 17th March: Comic relief does St Patrick's Day!