



Year 5 Newsletter

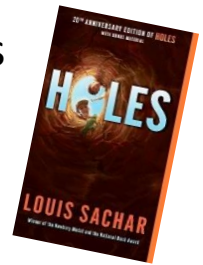
Autumn 2022 – Half Term 2



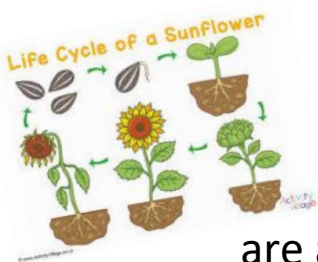
Welcome back after a well deserved half term break. Last term, all children settled well into our new routines and were excited to be back in class. As the temperature has started to drop slightly, please remember to send your child into school with a warm coat for break and lunch times. The Year 5 teachers are super proud of how hard the children have been working this past half term and already they have settled back well after the break and are eager to start our new Holes topic. 😊

Year 5 Curriculum

English this half term focuses on the book written by Louis Sachar - Holes. This is a fantastic story that inspires all of our writing. We are yet to find a cohort of children who have not enjoyed this book! The children's writing will continue to explore a range of text types but with a larger focus on narrative style writing.



In **Science**, our focus will be on the topic of 'Live things and their habitats'. The children will learn about our many different living things and their lifecycles. If the children have any information or



books about 'Living things' 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 books where they are able to explore a wide range of non-fiction science based books (now in the classroom) to help them with their understanding and learning.

Our **Art** topic this term looks closely at the prestigious artist by the name of Matisse. The children will be taking their time to build on their previous skills in both sketching and painting but will also have the opportunity to create collages in the style of Matisse's most famous work.

In **Music** children will continue to learn and develop the skills needed to play the Glockenspiel and Xylophone. We look forward to learning a new instrument together with the help of Mrs Horwood!



In **Computing** this half term, the children's drawing skills will be put to the test as they will be creating 3D models online using the software SketchUp. Children will learn how to design simple and complex 3D models. They will be adding detail and manipulating the models using a variety of online tools.

This half term the children will be introduced the first **Geography** topic of the year. Within Geography the children will be looking closely at and comparing mountains, how they are formed and where we can find them in the world.



Within **Jigsaw** we will be celebrating our differences. This is an important topic for children to explore and as always, our lessons will involve many class-based discussions and group work activities. The

children love our jigsaw sessions and thrive at the opportunity to participate in thought provoking conversations.

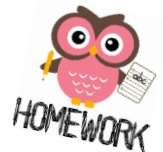
Priory Rise's
Value of the Month

Kindness

In our assemblies we are focusing on the value of kindness. Throughout November we will be discussing what it means and the importance of showing kindness and how important a value it is for us at Priory Rise. In December our value of the month will be trust.



Homework



Now that children have settled well into the routines of school life, you will notice the change in homework that is being set this half term. The pattern of alternating MyMaths and a written task each week will continue however along with MyMaths, the children will now also be set a comprehension activity to complete during that same week. Within the written tasks, we aim to consolidate the children's understanding of the different text types and the grammar focus they will have recently studied in school. We expect our Year 5 children to embrace these tasks and to complete them to a high standard.

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 your 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 will also be made available on our school website should you need an extra copy! 😊

Reading Race

A large number of our Year 5 children have fully embraced the reading race and are flying through the different steps. We do have a large group of children who remain on the starting 'Go' so please remember that reading at home with your child is essential and it will really help with their learning progression in school. Thank you 😊

Physical Education

PE and Games in Key Stage 2 will take place on the following days this half term. During this term, as much as possible, the PE sessions will be taken place outside.

	Year 5 Rowling	Year 5 Blackman	Year 5 Horowitz
Session 1	Tuesday	Wednesd ay	Wednesd ay

Library

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

Session 2	Swimming - Friday	Friday	Friday
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Mr Smyth and Mr Neal will teach the children both PE sessions. Please ensure that your child arrives to school already dressed in their full kit, including **black** plimsolls or trainers, on the above days. Also, as the weather becomes colder, please ensure that children have appropriate warm outdoor PE kit.

Please note that swimming lessons are continuing this half term for Rowling Class. These sessions will until the Christmas holidays.

Reading notice!

Please note that your child should still be bringing a reading book home whenever possible. The children are given opportunities throughout the day to change their book. They must ensure to wash their hands thoroughly before and after doing so.

Dates for your Diary

3rd November – **School Fireworks evening**

8th November – **Photo day, individual and siblings**

10th November – **Phonics evening open to all parents starting at 5:00pm**

W.c 13th November – **Anti bullying week.**

16th and 17th November – **Upper Key Stage 2 Production.**

18th November – **Children in Need.**

16th December – **Break up for Christmas holidays**