

Y e a r 5 N e w s l e t t e r

Autumn 2022 – Half Term 1

Welcome back to the new academic year in Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5. We have lots of new and exciting opportunities planned for the children's learning and the year ahead!

The children have settled well into the new routines at Priory Rise. Our first week's topic of 'Explorers and Adventurers' was a fantastic way for the whole school to start the new year. The children arrived at school on Friday in an array of outfits; a perfect way to end the first week back!

Year 5 Curriculum



English this half term, in Year 5, revolves around Dr Who. This is a fantastic topic that the children will be able to explore in depth. We will be using Dr Who as inspiration for our writing which will include a variety of genres including: character studies, play scripts and non-chronological reports.

In **Science**, our focus will be on the topic of 'Space'. Children will learn about our solar system and the planets within it. The children will have the opportunity to look closely at the different phases of the moon along with discovering why we have day and night. If the children have any information or books about 'Space' 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.



Our **DT** this term follows the Dr Who theme. Children will, through practical means, investigate and produce a moving controllable model of a Dalek (Dr Who's most feared enemy!)

In **Music** children will begin 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, children will revise their learning on the importance of e-safety. We will be revisiting the SMART rules and learning the importance of staying safe online.

In **RE** this half term the children will be looking at different religious buildings and what we can learn from them. Our final subject the children will be learning this half term is **History**. Within History, the children will study the importance of Black History with Black History month being a focus in October.



Priory Rise's Value of the Month

Love

In our PSHE sessions and assemblies we are focusing on the value of LOVE. Throughout September we will be discussing LOVE and how we can show it to those around us, to our environment and to ourselves. In October our value of the month will be honesty, where the children will reflect upon what this means and how we can show honesty in our everyday lives.



Homework



Homework in year 5 is set every week via Google Classroom. The tasks given will alternate from week to week, with one week being a written based homework and the following being a MyMaths and reading comprehension task. Alongside this, it is the expectation that children will be reading regularly at home and practicing their times tables for fluency.

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

Reading Race!

To encourage children to continue reading at home, children will be participating in a Reading Race. The aim is for children to read their way around our new Book Monopoly themed display. Each week, if a child has read a minimum of three times they can move their name piece to the next book on the Monopoly board. Every time a child reaches a gold book they receive a prize. It would be great if you could ensure you read with your child as much as you can at home. By doing this it will not only help your child to compete but it will significantly help their reading progress within school. Thank you! 😊

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
Session 1	Tuesday - Outdoor	Wednesday - Outdoor	Wednesday — Outdoor
Session 2	Swimming - Friday	Friday - Indoor	Friday - Indoor

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.

Now the children have moved into year 5 they will also start swimming sessions. This will take place on a Friday morning. Rowling class will be taking part this term with Blackman's sessions following after the Christmas holidays and Horowitz during the summer term.

Library and reading books

All children in year 5 will have the opportunity to visit the library at least 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.

Reading books for children on our coloured band books need to be changed regularly. During morning work, it is our expectation that the children change these books before settling down to complete their morning work.



Staff in Year 5

Miss Cooper — Year group leader / Rowling Class teacher

Miss Huish — Blackman class teacher

Mr Briscoe - Horowitz class teacher

Mrs Carter — Year 5 teaching assistant

Mrs Bromage — Year 5 teaching assistant

Mrs Lawrence — Year 5 teaching assistant

Mr Green — Year 5 teaching assistant

Mr Smyth — PE teacher

Mr Neal — PE teacher

Mrs Horwood — music teacher