



# Year 5 Newsletter

## Spring 2023 – Half Term 1



### Happy new year and welcome back to Priory Rise!

After a fabulous Christmas holidays the children have settled back into the routines of school life well and are happy to be back learning! This term our topic is on the Ancient Egyptians which the children are already incredibly excited about. We have a jam-packed half term with lots of new learning to complete and we are eager to get started!

Please note that all children should be arriving to school wearing a warm coat as we are well into the winter months and break times are often wet and chilly!



### Year 5 Curriculum

**English** this half term, in Year 5, revolves around the Ancient Egyptians. This is an incredibly interesting topic that the children will use to help inspire their creative writing. As always, we will cover a range of writing styles from descriptions and letter writing to non-chronological reports.



In **Science**, our focus will be on the topic of 'Materials and their properties'. Children will learn about different materials and their properties. This topic offers the children 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.

Our **Art** this term also follows the Ancient Egyptian theme. Rather than producing a number of different pieces of work, the children will be working on the same piece over an extended period of time. Ultimately the children will finish the Spring term having created an Ancient Egyptian wall hanging that the children will have put a lot of time and effort into making.

In **Music** children will begin to learn and develop the skills needed to play the Djembe drums – a very exciting opportunity!

In **Computing** this half term, children will be building on their coding skills using Scratch.

Within **RE** this term we will be looking at worship in our community, comparing differing religions and how they play a role in local lives.

Our **Jigsaw PSHE** topic this half term focuses on our 'Dreams and Goals'. This is a lovely way to start the new year as the children will get the chance to consider and explore their own dreams e.g. what they would like to be when they grow up.

Finally, our **History** topic will allow the children to study the Ancient Egyptians in more detail. They will be looking at a range of important factors that affected the lifestyles of the Ancient Egyptians from the stages of mummification to researching the different Gods and Goddesses that they worshipped.



## Priory Rise's Value of the Month

# Resilience

In our PSHE sessions and assemblies we are focusing on the value of 'Resilience'. Throughout January we will be discussing how we keep going even when we are struggling. In February our value of the month will be:



## Homework



Building on from our homework last term, the children will continue the pattern of Mymaths and reading comprehension on week one followed by a written task the following 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 writing at least two paragraphs.

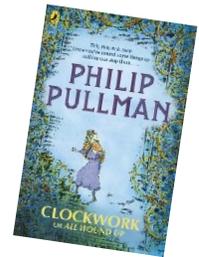
At Priory Rise we consider homework to be extremely important as a means of continuing and developing the learning that takes place in the classroom. We welcome the support that parents provide in assisting their children with homework at home and encouraging the children to complete their tasks to the 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 updates!

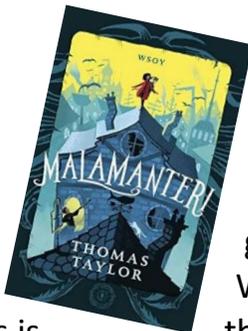
A large number of our Year 5 children have fully embraced the reading race and are flying through the different Titanic steps. Some children do remain still on the starting sun so please remember that reading at home with your child is essential and it will really help with their learning in school.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

## Book Recommendations:

Miss Cooper: Clockwork by Philip Pullman. I absolutely love this book it will always remain one of my favourites. Be prepared for for spooky magical characters and jaw dropping plot twists!



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Mr Briscoe: Malamander by Thomas Taylor – This is an eerie adventure about mythical creatures and fantastic beasts which will grip you from start to finish. If you like classics such as ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’ or modern tales like ‘The Land of Roar’, then the book for you!

Miss Huish: My recommendation is 'My Friend the Octopus' by Lindsey Galvin

We have really enjoyed reading this story in Blackman Class this year. It is the story set in Victorian times, following the life of a young girl who works in a tea shop at Brighton Aquarium. Her life changes forever when an octopus arrives, she discovers that she is able to communicate with this octopus through colours and artwork. She makes



some great friends as she discovers the mystery which led to the disappearance of her mother...

### 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	Wednesday	Wednesday
Session 2	Friday	Friday Swimming	Friday

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. As we are well into the winter months, the weather is chilly so please ensure that children have appropriate warm outdoor PE kit.

Now that Rowling class have completed their Autumn Term swimming lessons, it is now the turn of Blackman Class. Blackman Class' swimming session will take place on Monday mornings before lunch. The coach will collect children from school at 11:00 ready for their lesson to start at 11:30. Please ensure children arrive at school on Monday mornings with their swimming kits.

See letter for more details.

### Library

All children in Year 5 continue to have the opportunity to explore library books once a week. During this time, 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 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.



## **How to support 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. 😊

### **Times Tables:**

This term, we are starting our multiplication topic and it is becoming clear that there are a large number of children who struggle with their times tables. We are therefore asking for your support at home! We would be hugely grateful if you could encourage your child to practice their times tables so that they are confident with all tables up to x12 as this is an Upper Key Stage 2 expectation. Thank you!