

year 6 newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2022



Welcome!

Welcome back to the second half term in Year 6! We hope that you had a lovely break with your family.

It was so wonderful to speak to you at Parents' Evening the week before half term and to share your child's progress and achievements so far.

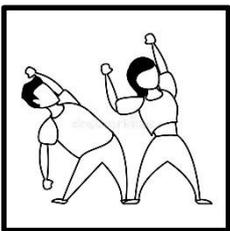
We are sure that this half term will be just as brilliant as the last one! ❤️

Our Autumn Term Two Topic: The Stone Age

In **English**, our learning will be based around the book 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver. Through reading this book, the children will be provided with a range of writing opportunities such as descriptive narratives, setting descriptions, newspaper reports, diary entries and letter writing details of which will be provided in our weekly newsletter.

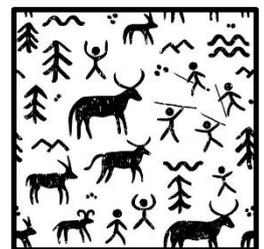


In **Maths**, we will consolidate the formal written methods for all four operations. We will also begin to look at converting between standard units of metric measure and will begin to interpret pie charts and line graphs. The children will also learn how to calculate the mean as an average and begin to learn when it is appropriate to find the mean of a set of data.



In **Science**, our topic is called 'Animals Including Humans'. As part of this, we will learn about the circulatory system, how water and nutrients are transported around the body, the importance of a healthy diet and exercise and the effects of drugs and alcohol on the human body.

In **History**, we will learn about the Stone Age. We will begin by placing this time period on a timeline to develop the children's sense of chronology. Then, we will learn about how shelter and houses developed over the time period, the different hunting and gathering techniques that were used, what daily life was like and how we can use a range of sources to develop our understanding of this time period.



In **Music**, the children will be continuing to look at cyclic patterns with Mrs Horwood this half term. Together, the children will be analysing pieces of music that use cyclic patterns and creating some of their own.

In **Computing**, we are going to continue to use the Purple Mash scheme of work and will be learning about blogging and networking.

In **French**, we are going to be learning our first set of phonetic sounds before we progress to look at regular verbs.

In **P.S.H.E.**, we will be looking at the value of the month for November – 'Kindness'. The other values of the month for this half term is 'Trust', which will be our value for the month of December.

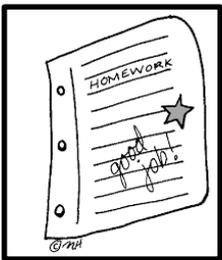


We will also be continuing our 'Jigsaw' scheme of work, with our next unit 'Celebrating Differences'. The children will be provided with plenty of opportunities to discuss the key talking points before reflecting on what they have learnt within each lesson.

Homework

We have been so impressed with the level of commitment that the children have shown towards completing their homework over the past half term!

Homework will continue in the same format this half term with a brief summary of each weekly task sent out via Marvellous Me.

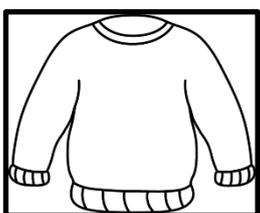
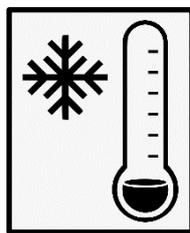


Please ensure that your child knows their log-in details for both Google Classrooms and MyMaths, although we do always understand any technical difficulties that may arise! A paper copy of the homework will always be available for your child to complete, should they need to.

In preparation for secondary school, should the children not complete their homework, then they will be invited to attend a Homework Catch-Up Club on a Wednesday breaktime – a day's grace will be given during this half term.

Uniform

As the winter sets in and the weather turns colder, please ensure that your child is bringing a coat to wrap up warm in for break and lunch times. If your child does not have a coat and the weather is deemed cold, then they will be invited to stay inside the classroom to read a book.



Please also ensure that all of your child's uniform items, such as jumpers, coats, water bottles and P.E. kits are labelled – this makes finding any lost items much easier!

Just a quick reminder...

In addition to weekly homework being completed to a high standard, there are many other ways to support your child at home:

- ensuring that children read regularly;
- ensuring times tables are practised frequently;
- learning words from the Year 5/6 Spelling list (available on our school website);
- a regular use of Times Tables Rockstars – there is a weekly competition between the classes, in which last half term, Paver Class came out as the overall champions! Well done Paver Class! Keep going, Elphinstone Class and Rundell Class!

We Love Reading!



Reading is such a big part of our daily lives in Year 6 and it is always such a joy to see the children reading and recommending books to each other – and to us teachers too!

This half term, we would like to repay the favour and recommend some of our favourite books to the children.

Mrs Paterson recommends...

'Orphans of the Tide' by Struan Murray

I first read Orphans of the Tide – the first book in Struan Murray's trilogy – three years ago and it has been one of my favourite books ever since! This fantasy adventure takes place in the last city to survive the drowning of the world. The people of the City blame The Drowning on a sinister being called 'The Enemy'. We follow the story of the young inventor, Ellie, and a mysterious boy called Seth as they battle against the ruthless Inquisition, power-hungry rulers, and the Enemy itself – the God who drowned the world. Can Ellie and Seth work together to destroy The Enemy before it's too late?

Miss Kent recommends...

'A Pinch of Magic' by Michelle Harrison

I am a big fan of books interwoven with magic and friendship – the first book of the Pinch of Magic series has that and more! It is set on the isle of Crownstone, upon eerie marshes with a prison as its closest neighbour and follows the story of the Widdershins sisters: Betty, Fliss and Charlie, who set out to break a deadly curse that has haunted their family for generations. However, the curse isn't the only unusual thing about the sisters – each of them possesses a magical object that has been passed down the family. None of these objects are what they seem... Will they have enough to break the curse? Or will the sisters have better luck with the mysterious prisoner, who claims he can help them for a price?

Mrs Jank recommends...

'The Secret Seven' by Enid Blyton

This is a brilliant series of books, which are brilliant to read! The first instalment follows the story of a group of child detectives who work together to solve mysteries. The gang are dressed in disguise, following the lead to a spooky old house in the snow...

Mrs Goode recommends...

'The House with Chicken Legs' by Sophie Anderson

This book is amazing! It follows the story of Marinka, who is desperate for a friend. A real friend – not like her house with chicken legs. Although the house can play games like tag and hide-and-seek, Marinka longs for a human companion. However, that's tough when her grandmother is a Yaga, who guides the dead into the afterlife. When Marinka stumbles across the chance to make a real friend, she breaks all the rules and with terrible consequences! Her beloved Yaga mysteriously disappears and it's up to Marinka to find her – even if it means making a dangerous journey to the afterlife...

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st November – we welcome the children back to school

Thursday 3rd November – Priory Rise's annual firework event is back

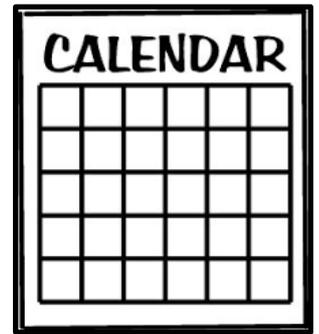
Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th November – Beauty and the Beast: Junior

Week commencing 21st November – assessment week

Thursday 15th December – Christmas jumper day

Friday 16th December – break for the Christmas holidays

Tuesday 4th January – we welcome the children back for the Spring term



Wow! What a busy half term we have!

Communication

If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please record this in your child's Home/School link book. Alternatively, you can email the Year 6 teaching team on the following email address:

year6@prioryrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk

All of the Year 6 teachers are able to access this email address and will respond outside of teaching hours, but before 6pm each day.

thank-you for your support
THE YEAR 6 TEAM

