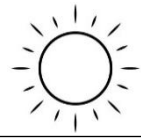


Year 6 newsletter



Summer Term 2

Welcome back!

Welcome to the final half term at Priory Rise! We hope that you had a lovely half term break and managed to enjoy some time with your family. This year has truly flown by and yet we still have so much more to fit in! We are really looking forward to making this time as memorable as possible for your wonderful children.

Curriculum Overview for Summer 2

In **English**, we will be studying a wide range of text types and writing stimuli to showcase the children's writing (and support the teachers in making their end of year judgements in writing) before focusing on 'The Highwayman'. We will be completing a range of different tasks relating to the poem. This will include a diary entry and a letter that will explore the relationships between the three main characters in the poem before revisiting our performance poetry skills. In Master Readers, we will be reading a poetry book called 'The Final Year' by Matt Goodfellow.

In **Maths**, we will be using our skills, knowledge and understanding that we have developed over the course of the year to work in teams and plan a theme park. This will encourage the children's team work skills as well as their money skills.

In **Science**, we will be completing our unit on Evolution and Inheritance by comparing different theories of evolution and carrying out an investigation linked to Darwin's main theory. We will also learn about inherited characteristics towards the end of the half term. If possible, please send in a printed family photograph that children can use in this lesson. The children will also be learning about evidence of evolution through studying the process of fossilisation.

In **Art**, the children will be researching the mysterious artist, Banksy, and the messages behind some of his more notable pieces of work. Following this, the children will be given the opportunity to recreate a piece of Art in the same style, using stencils and ink.

In Geography, the children will be completing a unit of work developing map skills and also learning about the Peak District, in preparation for our upcoming residential visit!

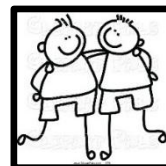
In **Music**, the children will be continuing their unit of work on musical theatre. This will involve using songs, drama and games to develop skills that are needed for musical performances. They will be getting ready to sing a very exciting song for their upcoming Leavers' Show Case Assembly!

In **Computing**, we are going to be learning about spreadsheets using Google Sheets, following our Purple Mash scheme of work.

In **R.E.**, the children will consider how certain faiths express their beliefs through Art, with a focus on Islam. The children will then be given the opportunity to create their own piece of artwork, applying the principles of Islamic Art to their own creations.

Our PSHE unit this term is entitled 'Changing Me'. Children will consider self-esteem and body image – reflecting on social media influences. We will focus on what it means to have a boyfriend/girlfriend, what a healthy relationship looks like. Respect, pressure and consent are considered here using cards in age-appropriate scenarios. For the final session of PSHE, we will consider how the children have changed over the year and what they are looking forward to as they move to secondary school. As in other years, discussing how change can feel positive and negative will be looked at and the children will explore ways of coping with this.

We will also be looking at the values of 'Belonging' and 'Reflection' during June and July.



Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

During this half term, we will be delivering the Relationships and Sex Education lessons to children. The majority of these lessons are part of the Science curriculum and cover puberty, menstruation and personal hygiene. The final lesson covers how babies are made. To ensure that parents are aware of the exact content of this lesson and when it will be taught, we are holding a virtual meeting to share the resources with you that the children will see. Please look out for the meeting link nearer the time. The sex education lesson for Year 6 is about how babies are made. The lesson is based mainly on a video from BBC bitesize which is designed for an audience of Key Stage 2. The children will have the opportunity to ask questions about the video and anything that they are unsure of (children can ask directly or write a question on a post-it note anonymously if they prefer). Our staff are aware of the curriculum expectations of Year Six and will not impart information beyond this. If a question is beyond the Year Six age-range, we will encourage the child asking their family.

The online meeting about this particular lesson will take place on Wednesday 25th June, at 5pm, where parents will be able to understand the teaching sequence and watch the video.

Year 6 Leavers' Showcase Assembly

We are planning to hold our usual Leavers' Showcase assembly this year on Monday 21st July at 9:00am.

It will be lovely to have a celebration of your children's time at Priory Rise School and reflect on their accomplishments and special memories together.

Please keep your eyes peeled for an Arbor email regarding this in the upcoming weeks.

Pizza Party

Following on from our Leavers' Showcase assembly, on Monday 21st July, we would like to invite all the Year 6 children back to school in the evening for a pizza party on the field. We had such a lovely time hosting this last year and we are greatly looking forward to celebrating the end of Year 6 with the children again this year. An Arbor email will be sent out closer to the time with more details.

Residential: a few reminders

All consent forms and meal choices should be back in school by now – thank you very much to those families that returned these in plenty of time before the half term break.

If your child needs any medication, please have this ready to sign in on Monday 16th June, either at the beginning of the day or at collection time. There will be adults in the courtyard to help with this.

Any residential questions can be emailed in 😊 The countdown is on!

We Love Reading!



Mrs Dean recommends... 'Twice Upon a Time' by Michelle Harrison.

When the Morrow twins, Merry and Spike, arrive at dusty old Fox House, they think spending their holidays there is going to be dull. But they soon discover that there are secrets to the old house. A missing woman, a baby left on the doorstep, a locked study; as the mysteries pile up, the girls begin to investigate. The twins also have a secret of their own: they can stop time. What happened in this old house? And can their strange powers help them solve a decades-old crime? A delicious mystery adventure for fans of Robin Stevens and Cressida Cowell from the award-winning author Michelle Harrison, author of the Pinch of Magic series.

Mr Revers recommends... 'Magicborn' by Peter Bunzl

The book is filled with magic and mystery, and I was on the edge of the seat the entire time that I read it, wondering what would happen. In this story, there is a 'Royal Sorcerer', who seeks out those with magic to train them for the King. When Tempest and Thomas are captured and taken to Kensington Palace for the King, they find their magic flickering to life and long lost memories surface for the both of them. Will they manage to escape the Palace and save themselves.

Miss Bastiani recommends... 'Wolf Wilder' by Katherine Rundell

In the snowy vastness of Russia, Feo and her mother train domesticated wolves to be able to fend for themselves in the wild. Feo loves the wolves and has built an especially strong bond with three of the 'wilded' wolves. However, when Feo's mother is taken captive Feo must travel through the harsh landscapes to save not only her but the wolves as well. This story is about standing up for what you believe in and fighting for what you love.

Mrs Dobson recommends... 'The Boy Who Fell From the Sky' by Benjamin Dean

This is a gripping story of a boy called Zed who lives in a world where Demons exist. He has always been afraid of the Demons, having seen his father – a hunter – at work to capture them. But when Zed finally does have to face his fears, do the myths live up to their fearsome reputation? An easy read and gripping story that can be read with ease.

Mrs Pry recommends... 'The First Year' by Matt Goodfellow

After we have read 'The Final Year' in Master Readers, I suggest reading 'The First Year' over the summer holidays. I won't say too much as it will give away too much about our Master Readers text but if it is one you enjoy, you'll need to read this one too to follow Nate on his journey.

Dates for your Diary for Summer Term

11th June – Love of Languages Day

12th and 13th June – Fathers' Day Breakfast

17th – 20th June – Y6 residential to the Peak District

25th June – RSE meeting for parents at 5pm (online)

3rd July – Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day

4th July – P Fest!

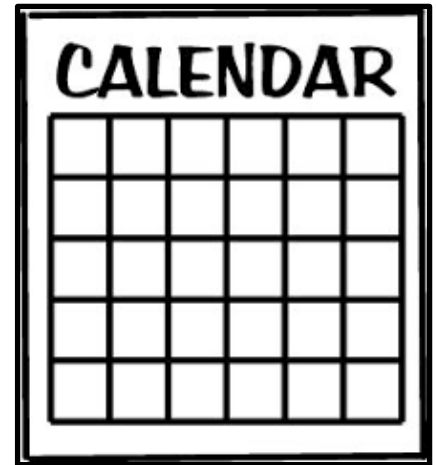
15th July – End of year reports sent home, including SATs results

16th July – Open Evening

18th July – KS2 awards assembly

21st July – Leavers' assembly & pizza party

22nd July – Last day of term!



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@pr5d.com

All of the Year 6 teachers are able to access this email address and will respond outside of teaching hours when they can. Please note, the Year Six inbox is not checked on a weekend or during the school holidays.

Thank-you for your support



The Year 6 Team