

Welcome to Year 5! This term, we have a range of fun and exciting learning that will take place and cannot wait for the year ahead with each and every single one of you! We kicked off the term with our Theme week on Under the Sea, where we engaged in numerous activities including making our own sea creatures from clay, creating coral reefs, writing a non-chronological report on Sea Turtles and finally taking part in some whale watching online.



Let's begin by welcoming Mrs Pry, who is returning to Year 5, Balen class, from maternity leave. She has already been in to meet the children last term and is eager to get teaching and learning with the children.

As usual, with any questions, please ask your child's class teacher on the gate or via our email address: Year5@pr5d.com

Curriculum Overview

Balen, Gold and Rowling

This half term in **English**, all our writing will be based around our Science topic of 'Space'. Over the course of the half term, the children will write: a non-chronological report about planets, a diary entry landing on a planet they have designed and finally a biography on Katherine Johnson. We can't wait to get stuck into our writing.



We will continue to build on our Place Value skills in **Maths** this term, reading, writing, ordering, rounding and comparing numbers to 1,000,000. Following this, we will move onto addition and subtraction and multiplication and division, where we will focus on written methods and reasoning.

Our **Science** topic this term is 'Space and Earth'. During this topic, lots of learning will be taking place including: Spherical Bodies, The Planets, Day and Night, The Phases of the Moon, Seasons and finally we will research an influential Scientist and understand how their theories contributed to Science today.

During **History** this term, we will be learning about The Shang Dynasty. We are really excited to be learning about this period of History as we are the first year group to be doing so. Our learning will involve looking at where The Shang Dynasty fits in our historic timeline, Gods and Kings, Dragon Boats and artefacts during this era. If you have any artefacts on this topic that you would like to share with the class, please speak to your class teacher about this.



We will be learning about sacred spaces in **RE** this term, looking at both a church and a Sikh Temple.

In **PSHE**, children will be following the Jigsaw unit 'Me in My World'. In this unit, children think about their year ahead, understand rights and responsibilities as a citizen in their country and their school, as well as rewards and consequences about their own behaviour.



Finally, in **DT**, we will be designing, building and evaluating our own moon buggies.



Value of the Month

September – Respect
October – Appreciation



During the first term we will be exploring the values of respect and appreciation. These values will be a focus during assemblies as well as in PSHE lessons.

Physical Education

PE and Games in Year 5 continues to take place on the following day this half term:

	Year 5 Rowling	Year 5 Gold	Year 5 Balen
Indoor PE	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
Outdoor PE	-	Friday	Friday
Swimming	Friday	n/a	n/a

Swimming dates are as follows:

Gold- 11th September- 2nd October

Balen- 9th October- 6th November

Rowling- 13th November- 11th December

Following this, children that have not yet achieved their 25m or need some extra practice will be required to go back from January.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full kit, including black plimsolls or trainers, on both days.

We ask that children do not wear jewellery and have long hair tied back.

School uniform policy

Please can all young ladies in Year 5 remember that make-up and nail varnishes are not permitted in school.

Many thanks.



Nut Reminder

As many of you already know, Priory Rise is a 'nut free' school. Please



remember that Nutella does contain nuts. Please can I also remind you that children are not to bring in packed lunches which contain nuts.

Homework in Year 5.

Homework will continue to be set on a Monday and will be due to be returned the following Monday.

If children would like help with this, we encourage them to come and chat with the class teacher.

Reading Records are due in each week – class teachers will specify which day this is with their class. It is expected that there will be at least three entries per week. If this is not the case, children will be asked to complete some independent reading during a break time.

We strongly encourage access to homework through our Google Classroom platform. We recognise that not all of our children are able to access this and are happy to send home a paper copy on request.

Please do get in contact if there are any problems with homework.

ClassDojo

We love sharing class updates via ClassDojo. Please keep your eyes peeled for important updates throughout the term as well as weekly updates to tell you what we are learning about.



ClassDojo

Remember Attendance matters!!



At Priory Rise, we know that good attendance and punctuality are essential to helping children achieve their full potential. Regular attendance supports learning, friendships, confidence and a sense of belonging within the school community.

While occasional absence due to illness is unavoidable, we encourage families to prioritise attendance wherever possible. Attendance is monitored throughout the year, and we work closely with parents and carers to support children whose attendance begins to fall below expected levels. Attendance below 90% is classed by the Department for Education as persistent absence.

Punctuality is equally important. Arriving on time ensures children do not miss valuable learning opportunities, registration or important information at the start of the day. Even a few minutes late each day can result in significant lost learning over the course of a year.

If attendance or punctuality becomes a concern, we will contact families to discuss any barriers and explore how we can support improvement. Our aim is to ensure every child has the best opportunity to succeed, flourish and enjoy school.

Please note that headteachers cannot authorise holidays during term time except in truly exceptional circumstances. Further information can be found in the school's Attendance Policy on the website.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school regularly and on time. Together, we can ensure they make the most of every learning opportunity.

Staff in Year 5

Miss Asha Raval – Assistant Head of Years 5&6, Year 5 Leader and Balen Class Teacher

Mrs Laura Pry – Balen Class Teacher

Mr Daniel Briscoe – Gold Class Teacher

Mr Garrath Green – Rowling Class Teacher

Mrs Gabriella Awad – 1:1 Teaching Assistant

Mrs Lucy Whitter – 1:1 Teaching Assistant

Our reading recommendations

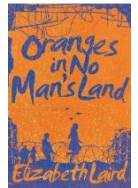


Miss Raval recommends: We are all Astronauts

This fantastic picture book written by award- winning creator, Kate Pankhurst, of Fantastically Great Women is a wonderful book to fit with this term's learning of **'Space'**. It follows a young girl, Luna Scope, who inspires to be an astronaut. So how does Luna go from a cardboard rocket in her room to running experiments for the International Space Station (ISS)? Meeting incredible female space pioneers along the way, Granny takes Luna on a fact-filled space adventure showing her that anyone can be an astronaut if they dream big enough. Follow Luna's fun- filled space journey to discover new and exciting facts about Space and how this young girl achieved her dream.

Mr Green recommends: Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird

My book recommendation is 'Oranges in No Man's Land' by Elizabeth Laird. This book follows the journey of a young girl who takes a dangerous risk to save her grandmother. I absolutely loved reading this book, I couldn't put it down!



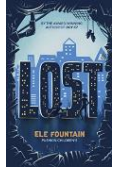
Mrs Pry recommends: The Space We're In by Katya Balen

This is an amazing book by our class author, that explores life from the perspective of ten-year-old Frank. Frank's younger brother has been diagnosed with autism and he is learning to understand how differently people experience the world that we live in. It shows how perceptive and understanding Frank can be, alongside managing his own emotions within new and challenging times. We look forward to exploring more Katya Balen books over the year, starting with our class 'Book of the month' - 'October, October'

Mr Briscoe recommends: Lost by Ele Fountaine

Lost is a powerful book that encourages readers to think about how much good they have in their life. It is based around a young girl called Lola. Her life becomes unrecognisable in an instant as she encounters disaster after disaster – leaving her world turned upside down.

This is a story of grit and determination as Lola faces a new normal – where life is anything but normal! A wonderful book that is beautifully written – I recommend this as a must read!



Mrs Dobson recommends: Land of Roar by Jenny McLachlan

The Land Of Roar is my Autumn 1 recommendation for you.

The story is a magical and adventurous story about twins who return to an imaginary world they created as younger children. At first, Roar seems like a game, but it quickly becomes real and full of danger! There are dragons, mermaids, and exciting battles. The story is funny, mysterious, and full of imagination. It shows how creativity and bravery can help solve problems. It's perfect for readers who love fantasy and adventure.



If you like this story, there are lots more in the series to read through.

Up-coming Autumn Term dates for your diary:

Friday 11th September – First swimming lesson for Gold class

Friday 9th October- Black History Month

Friday 9th October- First swimming lesson for Balen class

Wednesday 14th November- Open Evening 5-6.30

Tuesday 20th October- Parents' Evening – 3.30-6.40 (virtual)

Wednesday 21st October- Parents' Evening – 3.30-5.30 (virtual)

Friday 13th November- First swimming lesson for Rowling class

Monday 23rd November- Lion King Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 24th November- Lion King Performance

Wednesday 25th November- Lion King Performance