

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1



WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL

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Welcome back to a new year at Priory Rise. We hope you have all enjoyed your summer break!

MEET THE YEAR 6 TEAM



Miss Hannah Huish
Year 6 Team Leader
Paver Class Teacher



Mrs Emma Bradley
Rundell Class Teacher



Mrs Hannah Jank
Elphinstone Class Teacher
Monday-Wednesday



Mrs Kate Bromage
HLTA based in Year 6



Mrs Tracy Osbourne
Teaching Assistant - PM



Mrs Alice Goode
Elphinstone Class Teacher
Wednesday-Friday

We have a wonderful student teacher Mr Tom Smith, working in Rundell Class with Mrs Bradley.

In addition to this, working as dedicated 1:1 support within Year 6:

Mrs Shaelene Knowles – AM

Mrs Corina Pargeter – PM

Mrs Deanna Stewart

Mrs Francesca Menna

CONTACT US:

Please make a note of the Year 6 email address: Year6@pr5d.com

As always, if you have any questions, please speak with your child's class teacher at the school gate or contact us via email.



PRIORY RISE SCHOOL VALUES

September – Respect
October – Appreciation

During this half 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.

PRODUCTION

This year our production will be Disney's Lion King! The children have worked incredibly hard on their auditions, we are excited to announce our cast next week and start rehearsals.

Please note that if your child has chosen to be a part of the production, they are expected to attend all lunchtime rehearsals (as required) and commit to all three nights at Shenley for the show.



Dress Rehearsal & Performance Dates at Shenley Brook End School:

Monday 23rd November – Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 24th November – Performance 1

Wednesday 25th November – Performance 2

More information about the production to follow, if you have any questions please direct them to Miss Huish or Mrs Bosdet.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW - AUTUMN 1

MASTER READERS

Our Master Readers text for this half term is Rumblestar by Abi Elphinstone.

ENGLISH

All our writing this half term will be linked to our topic, Mexico. The children will begin their learning with a narrative based on scenes from the Disney film 'Coco'. Following this, children will write a persuasive travel leaflet on Egypt and Mexico. After this, we will be exploring biographies, looking first at Ellie Simmons and then Frida Kahlo.

MATHS

Week 1

Place Value

Week 2

Place Value

Week 3

Negative Numbers & BODMAS

Week 4

Multiplication

Week 5

Division

Week 6

Assessment Week

Week 7

Division

Week 8

Division

SCIENCE

'Animals and their habitats', this half term we will be classifying curious creatures and learning all about microorganisms.

HISTORY

History links to our Mexico topic, where we will be exploring Ancient Maya. Looking at Religion and Gods, the number and writing systems, along with food and exploration.

GEOGRAPHY

	Geography this half term focusing on 'The Americas'. We will be focusing on developing our map skills by using an atlas to locate countries in North and South America and developing our Geographical understanding as we compare both North and South America.
ART	The children will be creating their own 'Day of the Dead' masks. Working to further develop our sketching, design and sculpting skills. The children will work through the designing process before producing their beautifully decorated mask.
PSHE	This half term, the Jigsaw unit is 'Being me in my World'. In this unit, children will be thinking about the year ahead. Focusing on being a global citizen, recapping our Jigsaw charter and how we can be positive learners.
FRENCH	In our French lessons this term, we will begin with a recap of our phonics and learn about regular verbs.
RE	Within RE this term, we will be focusing on two big questions: How do beliefs about life and death make a difference to the way people mark a person's death? What do Christians believe about life after death and how do they show these beliefs?
COMPUTING	Computing this half term will focus on managing information online and blogging.



PE & LIBRARY DAYS



CLASS	PE	LIBRARY
Paver	Tuesday	Thursday
Elphinstone	Monday	Thursday
Rundell	Tuesday	Thursday

MATHS GROUPS

This academic year, the children will continue to work in Maths groups. The groups have been carefully organised as a result of teacher observations, teacher assessments and their summer assessments.

The teachers that will be teaching Maths in Year Six each day are Mrs Elmrabti, Mrs Dobson, Miss Huish, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Jank and Mrs Goode. As there are now five groups, children will be taught in smaller class sizes. We would like to remind you that these groups remain flexible, and that these groups are not fixed as they are now, for the remainder of the year.



HOMEWORK



Homework is available every Monday on Google Classroom. This will continue to be a range of activities, including Maths, spellings and reading comprehension tasks. As well as writing tasks and MyMaths alternating weekly.

If you are having any difficulties accessing homework via Google Classroom, please speak to your child's class teacher.

READING AT HOME



Please try to ensure that your child is reading at least 3 times per week at home, this has such a big impact on their learning. Please record this in the red homeschool link books. Children can record their reading themselves, as long as this is acknowledged and signed by an adult. Homeschool link books are collected by class teachers and checked every Monday.

If children have not been able to update their Home/School Link book and hand it in each week, they will be invited to read a book and make an entry towards their Home/School Link book on a Tuesday breaktime.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

EQUIPMENT & SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we begin the new school year, we'd like to gently remind families that all stationery required for learning, including pencil cases, will be provided by the school. To help keep personal belongings safe and avoid any misplaced favourites, we ask that personal pencil cases and additional stationery remain at home.

We would also appreciate your support in ensuring that children attend school in the correct uniform, in line with the **Priory Rise School Uniform Policy**.

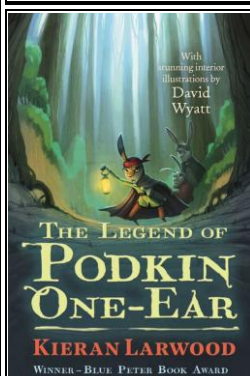
<https://www.prioryrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk/Policies/>

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure the children are ready to learn and make a positive start to the year.

ATTENDANCE



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



MRS JANK RECOMMENDS..

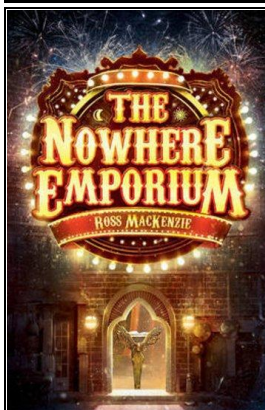
PODKIN ONE-EAR BY KIERAN LARWOOD

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book and fully intend reading it to my boys once they are older. It was one of those books that I couldn't put down! Podkin is the son of a warrior chieftain. He knows that one day it will be up to him to lead his warren and guard it in times of danger. But for now, he's quite happy to laze around annoying his older sister Paz and playing with his baby brother Pook. Then Podkin's home is brutally attacked, and the young rabbits are forced to flee. The terrifying Gorm are on the rampage, and no one and nowhere is safe. With danger all around them, Podkin must protect his family, uncover his destiny, and attempt to defeat the most horrifying enemy rabbitkind has ever known.



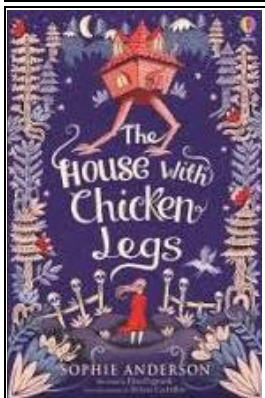
MRS GOODE RECCOMENDS.. THE HUNGER GAMES BY SUZANNE COLLINS

This was one of my holiday reads – and I read it within half a day! Escape room meets the gaming world is the premise for this story. It has so many twists and turns and really leaves you gripped to the very last page. The storyline is not predictable and left me guessing throughout. The main characters Eden and Ted have an unusual relationship; they both misunderstand who each other are until the very end of the book. But a strong friendship blossoms and trust becomes a part of their journey. The two characters have to go through a game to solve puzzles and clues.



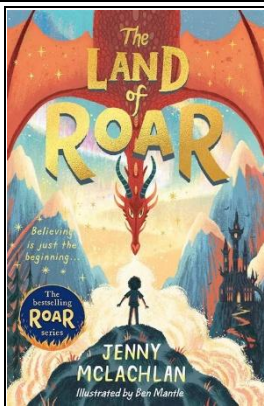
MRS BRADLEY RECOMMENDS... THE NOWHERE EMPORIUM BY ROSS MACKENZIE

The Nowhere Emporium is a fantasy adventure story which sparks the imagination! I was drawn to the book because it looked like it had a circus theme (I love The Greatest Showman and have read some really good books involving circuses, such as The Girl Who Walked on Air by Emma Carroll). It also looked magical and I really enjoy books with magic in them such as Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling and Nevermoor by J Townsend. The Nowhere Emporium is about a boy called Daniel, an orphan, who stumbles upon The Nowhere Emporium when trying to escape from a couple of boys who are bullying him. He is entranced by the spectacular shop, which is a treasure trove of wonders and whose owner seems to be a magical. Soon, the shop becomes his home. This story is a full of intrigue, excitement and adventure: a real page turner!



MISS HUISH RECOMMENDS.. THE HOUSE WITH CHICKEN LEGS BY SOPHIE ANDERSON

An exciting and adventurous book featuring twelve-year-old Marinka, who is dreaming of a normal life where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. However, her house has chicken legs and moves without warning! The only people Marinka meet are dead and they disappear when her grandmother guides them through the gate. A story filled with adventure, family and friendship and is also found in Paver's reading corner!



MRS DOBSON RECCOMENDS...

THE LAND OF ROAR - JENNY MCLACHLAN

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 11th September – Under the Sea Dress up

Tuesday 15th September – Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting

Monday 21st September – Mexico Day

Thursday 24th September – Flu Vaccinations

Friday 25th September – Individual & Sibling photos

Monday 28th September – Empower & Challenge Workshops

Monday 5th – Friday 9th October – Year 6 Assessment Week

Wednesday 7th October – Black History Day

Friday 9th October – Harvest Assembly

Wednesday 14th October – Open Evening

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

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

Monday 2nd November – Inset Day