

Year 2 Newsletter Summer Term 2 2024



Our year is speeding away so quickly! Your children continue to be a joy to teach, and they show such an eagerness to learn and do well! Thank you for your continued support in all we do, we really do have the most amazing team around us! We are going to make the most of our time together and have so much still to learn!



In **English** this term we will be reading the 'Lost and Found' and book about the friendship between a boy and a penguin, by Oliver Jeffers. We will be using the text and the animation to inspire our writing. We will be writing a descriptive narrative, a letter and a re-telling. In addition, we will be researching penguins and will be creating our own non-chronological reports and publishing them for display.

Linking to our theme of the seaside, in **Art** we will be learning about the artwork of Cornish artist John Dyer and will be painting in his style and are lucky enough to

have a painting lesson with him as part of our enrichment!

Our **Geography** work will link to this as we compare Milton Keynes to Cornwall in land use and features.

In **RE**, we will continue to learn about the Christian faith. We will learn more about Christian stories such as Noah and The Ark and the Christian story of Creation.

In **computing** we will be using Purple Mash to create spreadsheets. In **music**, we will continue to explore pitch and rhythm with Mrs Horwood in music each week.

In PSHE/Jigsaw lessons, we will be learning about change and how we change as we grow and how we manage change in our lives, for example moving on to Year 3.

HOME LEARNING

We still have a lot of learning left to do this term before the end of year!

You can help your child in the following ways:

1. Read with your child for 10 minutes every day and ask a range of questions. Please record your comments in the small red book.
2. Make sure that your child can read and spell the common exception words (Year 1 and 2).
We also have words on Google Classroom home words that are needed to learn. Please check these if you have not already.
3. Mymaths homework is set weekly – please check all work has been completed and if there are low scores, the children can do the activities as many times as needed. This will build upon work done in class.
Topmarks website and play 'Hit the Button'. There is also an app that you can download onto a tablet/iPad. These will help with number fluency and speed.
4. Use everyday Maths opportunities to tell the time/ count money/ weigh and read scales.



Warm Weather

As the weather is warming up, could we please ask that your child continues to bring a named water bottle to school each day. In addition, on very hot days, could you please apply sunscreen to your child before school and it is advisable for them to bring a hat for extra protection.



PE and Games lessons will continue to occur outside this half term. Please make sure that your child wears PE kit on their PE days. Please see the Priory Rise school uniform

policy on the school website if you are unsure.

Children attending after school clubs on days which are non-PE days will need to bring their PE kit to school to get changed.





June :



July



Key Dates For Your Diary!

11th June – AI enrichment sessions

Tuesday 18th June – Painting tutorial with John Dyer enrichment session

Friday 28rd June – Pfest!

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 2 showcase 9am and 2.30pm

Thursday 4th July – Sports Day (am)

10th July – Class swap day

10th July – Open Evening

19th July - Last day of term



Books that you might like to read :



Idris is a child refugee, born into a world of tents and fences. He has known no other life than this. He has no memories of the world outside.

Then the Wisp arrives, floating in on the evening breeze. Everyone who holds it finds their memories reawakened, their hopes of freedom reborn. But what about Idris, who has no memories? What will happen when he holds the magical Wisp?

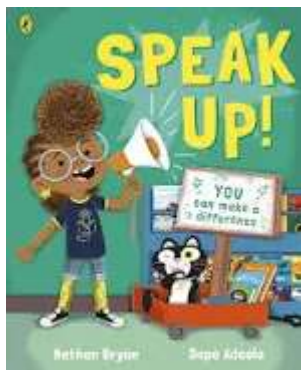
Stardust, science and stem subjects combine to create a touching picture book that's perfect for bedtime.

One little girl dreams of being a star. But whether it's finding Mum's lost wedding ring or winning the fancy-dress prize, her big sister always shines brighter. Yet for her grandad she IS a star and, as he dries her eyes and they both gaze up at the night sky, he tells a story, the story of the beginning of the world. Everything and everyone is made of stardust, and we all shine in different ways. It's a lesson this little girl will never forget . . . and one day her dream comes true, and she finally realises her ambition to become an astronaut and fly up, up, up into space.

A book that encourages girls to aim for the stars and achieve their dreams.



A little girl finds courage and purpose as she transforms an overgrown and neglected garden into a place of beauty, love...and ultimately hope.



Join the brilliantly passionate and instantly loveable Rocket as she organises a peaceful protest to save her local library!

Bookworm Rocket loves to collect new books on her weekly visit to the library, and to read all about inspirational figures like Rosa Parks. She is heartbroken when she discovers the library will be closing down! Can she use what she's learnt from Rosa and **speak up** to save the day?

This empowering, heartwarming picture book is a love letter to libraries and the power of reading. And it shows the incredible power we ALL have when we find our voice and **speak up** about the things that matter.