



# Year 4 Newsletter

## Autumn 2024 – Half Term 2

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term! Time has flown by already and the children have really settled into Year 4 life. As always, we have a vast array of amazing topics and exciting enrichment opportunities coming up which we are all very excited about.

### Year 4 Curriculum

In **English**, we will begin the half term by creating a non-chronological report on the Victorians. After this, we will be moving on to writing a balanced argument. The children will apply their Victorians knowledge to all of our English work.

In **Maths**, we will explore area before moving on to our multiplication and division unit of work. We will continue to build on our maths skills with increasing levels of challenge.

In **Science**, our focus will be on Electricity! The children will explore and make electrical circuits focusing on how it works effectively. They will look at each component and identify conductors and insulators.

In our **Art** lessons, we will be producing some art in the style of William Morris using his nature inspired art for our own inspiration. We will learn about the techniques and use of symmetry in this style of art and use them in our own paintings.

In **Music**, children will continue their learning journey with Mrs Horwood on the keyboard. They will build on their skills from last half term.

In **Computing** this half term, children will start a brand-new topic called microbit which uses coding skills to program a component. It is very interactive and I know it will be a great addition to our computing curriculum.

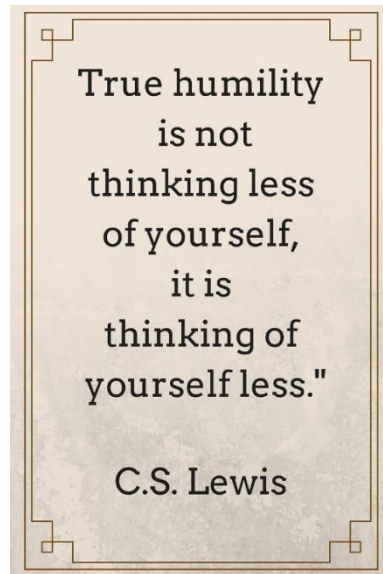
In **RE** this half term, we will be learning about Christianity and Christmas. We will discuss pilgrimages and explore special journeys in the Christmas story.

In **History**, we will develop our knowledge and understanding of life in Victorian Britain. We are going to immerse ourselves in Victorian life looking into the who they were, what life was like and explore the significance of the industrial revolution.

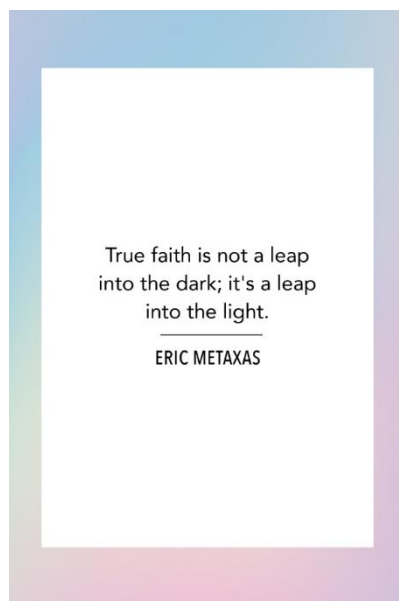
In **PSHE**, we will follow the unit entitled 'celebrating differences. We will discuss acceptance of ourselves and others as well as recognizing the impact of making assumptions. We will encourage the children to question the influences of making assumptions and how to react and respond to bullying.

# Value of the Month

## November: Humility



## December: Faith



# Homework

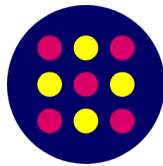
Homework will be set weekly.

It will be set on a Friday afternoon and should be returned the following Friday.

This will be set on MyMaths and on Google Classroom.

Alongside this, it is the expectation that children will practice their times tables each week using TTRS or Purple Mash.

At Priory Rise we consider homework to be extremely important as a means of continuing and developing the learning that takes place in the classroom. We welcome the support that parents provide in assisting their children with homework at home and encouraging the children to complete their tasks to the best of their ability and to the highest of standards.



# Reading!

To encourage children to continue reading at home, we will be using 'punch cards' at school. These are small cards that are 'punched' once when the children have read at least three times each week. These will be stamped on a Friday.

After 10 stamps, the children will receive a special treat to reward their amazing reading at home.

It would be great if you could ensure you read with your child as much as you can at home. By doing this it will **significantly** help their reading progress within school. Thank you! 😊

This half term, we wanted to involve you in our amazing VIPERS work. Practising these comprehension skills at home is essential to supporting your child's progress.



## I for Inference

Inference skills are tricky to master and require children to search for clues in the text that are not always obvious. It requires lots of practice and support.

Here are some questions you could ask your child when reading together at home:

- Who is telling the story?
- What was ..... thinking when .....?
- Why did ..... decide to do that?
- What kind of character do you think ..... is? Why?
- Why did the author choose to use this (word/technique)?

## Physical Education

PE and Games in Key Stage 2 will take place on the following days this half term.

	Fletcher Class (Mrs Birmingham)	Wilson Class (Miss Major)	Larwood Class (Mr Green)
<b>1</b>	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday
<b>2</b>	Friday	Thursday	Friday

Mr Smyth and Mr Elkington will teach the children both PE sessions. Please ensure that your child arrives to school already dressed in their full kit, including **black** plimsolls or trainers, on the above days. Also, as the weather becomes colder, please ensure that children have appropriate warm outdoor PE kit.



## Library

All children will have the opportunity to visit the library once a week.

During their time in the library, the children have access to a wide range of texts. These books are then allowed to be taken home.

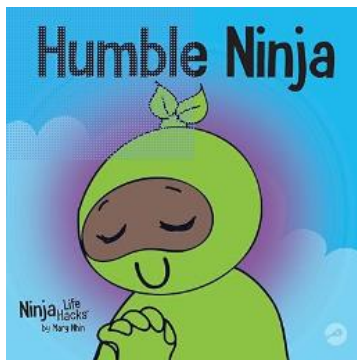
Children who are 'free readers' are allowed to select 2 library books as these replace their banded reading book.



## Dates for your diary

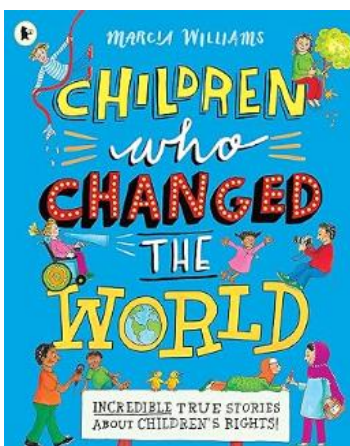
11<sup>th</sup> November – 15<sup>th</sup> November: Anti Bullying Week  
11<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Day  
12<sup>th</sup> November: Odd Socks Day  
13<sup>th</sup> November: Open Evening (5-6:15)  
15<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need Day - Spotacular (wear spots!)  
26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November: KS2 performance  
19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas party and lunch  
20<sup>th</sup> December: Break up for Christmas holidays

## Book recommendations for year 4



**Humble Ninja learns about the importance of being humble.**

Life is hard! It's even harder for children who are just trying to figure things out. The new children's book series, Ninja Life Hacks, was developed to help children learn valuable life skills. Fun, pint-size characters in comedic books easy enough for young readers, yet witty enough for adults.



**Children who changed the world!**

From the heroes familiar to everyone, such as Malala Yousafzai, to the amazing activists you might not have heard of, like Baruani Ndume, the teenager who gave a voice to fellow refugee children in Tanzania, discover the incredible true stories of child activists. An inspirational and moving book from beloved author-illustrator Marcia Williams, providing the perfect introduction to an important subject and marking 30 years since the Convention on the Rights of the Child was signed by the United Nations General Assembly.

# TTRS Competition

We have signed Priory Rise up to this national TTRS competition to find the best TTRS class in the country!

It will run between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November, simply recording the number of correct scores between 7:30 am and 7:30 pm so please get involved at home 😊

There's a 1 hour time limit per person and any type of game counts.  
Enjoy!



## Staff in Year 4

### Teachers:

Miss Major – Year 4 Leader & Wilson Class Teacher  
Mrs Birmingham – Fletcher Class Teacher  
Mr Green – Larwood Class Teacher

### Teaching Assistants:

Mrs Knowles, Mrs Pargeter & Mrs O'Regan

## Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, I hope you have found it useful. If you have any queries, please remember you can email us at:

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