

Welcome back to the final term in Year Five!
It is hard to believe we are in the last 7 weeks of term.



Last term was certainly a busy one, filled with many highlights. The children showcased the fantastic Year 5 curriculum through their showcase or should I say 'Year 5's Got Talent'. All the children presented with such confidence, charisma and enthusiasm, which was a pleasure to watch. As well as this, many children overcame their fears on the Year 5 residential, taking place in Irthlingborough at the start of the term. As this is the last newsletter of Year 5, I would like to take this time to say what a privilege it has been to be Head of Year 5 to an absolutely gorgeous bunch of Year 5 children and I wish each and every single one of them the greatest success in Year 6.

As always, with any questions, please ask your child's class teacher on the gate or via our email address: year5@priorityrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Curriculum Overview

Rowling, Blackman, Horowitz

This half term in **English**, we will be basing our learning around the events surrounding the tragic sinking of the Titanic. Over the course of the half term, children will explore genres such as diary entries, persuasive writing and poetry.



Mathematics skills will continue to focus on developing our arithmetic skills. An increased focus will take place with developing children's reasoning skills – unpicking how to solve mathematical problems. Our units of work include: decimals, converting units of measure and volume.

In **Science** this half term, we will be looking at the human life cycle. This also sits alongside our Jigsaw unit. Children will learn about the human lifecycle and its stages, gestation and old age.



DT this half term, we will design and make bread. Children will evaluate different types of bread and will then go on to design and make their own bread product. This will be evaluated by the children. A letter will be sent out about allergies nearer to the time of your child's class doing this series of lessons.

In **PSHE**, children will be following the Jigsaw unit ‘Changing Me.’ In this unit, children will learn about self and body image, puberty in girls and boys (which is part of our Science curriculum), conception and looking ahead to identify changes for themselves – in terms of new year group. This will be taught every Thursday afternoon. (RSE letter has been sent out just before half term with additional information)



Finally, we are going to be carrying out a **History** unit based on Leisure and Entertainment. This Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century unit will teach the children about the rise in popularity of cinema. They will learn about how and why football became the nation's favourite sport, the social and cultural importance of the 'Swinging Sixties', why British holiday camps emerged and how television has impacted modern life.

Value of the Month



June - Hope
July – Freedom



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 Blackman	Year 5 Horowitz
Indoor PE	Friday	Friday	Friday
Outdoor PE	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Swimming	Mixed classes		

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their full kit, including black plimsolls or trainers, on both of these days. We ask that children do not wear jewellery and have long hair tied back.

Fundraising at Priory Rise

Mrs Deeks and Mrs Benham Smith will be taking part in a tandem skydive on Sunday 14th July 2024 to raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities, Oxford House. This charity is very close to Mrs Deeks’ heart and she would be over the moon with any contributions that can go towards helping another family in a similar situation.

[Click here to donate](#)



Physical Education

As the weather gets warmer, we recommend children bring a named water bottle to school that they will have access to throughout the day to remain hydrated. We also encourage children to take their bottles home each day for cleanliness.



Restorative Leader Work

Over the course of the year, our Year 6 Restorative Leaders have been a huge asset to Priory Rise School. Their role is to be a presence out at lunchtime for our younger children. They are able to play games, be a helping hand or support children who are feeling upset. We are looking for enthusiastic, energetic, problem solvers who are willing to donate 15 minutes of their lunchtime play each week to work with 4-8 year olds.

In this academic year, over two thirds of our Year 6 community volunteered and we are hoping for even more people next year.

There will be an assembly to explain to Year 5 what is involved. During the course of that week, Year 6 existing Restorative Leaders will come to the Year 5 classes to share their experiences and answer questions. There will then be the opportunity to apply for the post and interviews will take place on the 3rd July. Mrs Pocock (learning mentor) will then busily create a timetable for each half term. Historically, this has taken place in September but we are eager to start the process now so that children are ready to go in September.

We always welcome applications at any point in the year so if a child does not feel ready to do this for September, they are welcome to apply later in the year.

Titanic Day

Year 5 kick started the term with taking part in Titanic Day. During the day, the children began by researching the timeline and key events of the Titanic which they can use in their radio reports for their English topic later in the week. They then took part in a Titanic Quiz, Scavenger hunt and even created their own tin foil boats to test the sturdiness of shapes and sizes. We were blown away with the fantastic costumes the children came to school in to show which class system they belonged to on The Titanic.



School uniform policy

Please can all young ladies in Year 5 remember that make-up and nail varnishes are not permitted in school. As well as this, please can we ensure that both school skirts and PE shorts are of an appropriate length and not tight-fitting.



Homework in the Summer Term

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.

Home/School link books 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.

Our reading recommendations

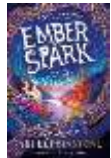
Mrs Dobson recommends: The Boy Who Fell From The Sky by Benjamin Dean

[https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/The Boy Who Fell From the Sky/3pO6EAAAQBAJ?hl=en&bpv=1&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/The_Boy_Who_Fell_From_the_Sky/3pO6EAAAQBAJ?hl=en&bpv=1&printsec=frontcover)

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. I have attached a link that allows you to sample the book before making a purchase. See what you think.



Miss Cook recommends: This half term I have read 'All Birds Have Anxiety' by Kathy Hoopmann. It was a great non-fiction book using fabulous images alongside information about anxiety. I have learnt so much that I didn't already know! Furthermore, it allowed me to think about how I can support friends whether they have anxiety or not. Would definitely recommend 10/10!



Mr Briscoe recommends: My book recommendation is 'Ember Spark' by Abi Elphinstone.

This is a fantasy book jam-packed with adventure (and dragons). It is a story about a girl who is asked to take care of a baby dragon, but not everything goes smoothly (as you can imagine). Ember Spark has a lovable main character, a despicable villain and a wholesome story at its heart about a girl who wants to help vulnerable creatures. If you are a fan of 'Chronicles of Narnia', 'Impossible Creatures' or 'How to Train your Dragon' then this may just be the book for you!

Miss Raval recommends: The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell

The Good Thieves is all about a Vita Marlowe and the job she feels she has to do. Her Grandfather has been cheated out of his home and possessions by a notorious conman who is connected to the Mafia. She wants to make him happy again, so she plans a plan to outwit his enemies and recover his home. Together with some new friends, they take on the challenge to right this wrong.



Marvellous Me



We love sharing our Marvellous Me moments with you. Please look out for more 'pings' to your phone this term. If you haven't already, please do speak to the office team about how to sign up and find out a little bit more about your child's successes in school.

Up-coming Summer Term dates for your diary:

Monday 3rd June- INSET day
Tuesday 4th June- Children return to school.
Thursday 4th July- Year 5 and 6's Sports Day.
Wednesday 10th July- Open evening and Class Swap
Friday 19th July – End of the school year