

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2



Welcome back to Spring 2!

In the first half of the spring term, the children enjoyed a number of encirclement opportunities, such as visits from the 'Language Leaders' from SBE, Egyptian Day and Balen Class have started swimming.

This half term, we will be starting work on our new topic linked to water and rivers. We have our river walks coming up in the next couple of weeks and are still looking for parent volunteers for Balen and Rowling Class trips. Please contact Miss Huish if you are able to support with this.

Bikeability



This week our first two groups have been taking part in their bikeability sessions. They have enjoyed their sessions with the instructors and have successfully learned safety rules and new techniques when riding their bikes on the roads around Milton Keynes. Groups 3 and 4 will be starting their course on Monday.



Please ensure that you have checked your letter, advising where to leave bikes each day and the equipment needed and reach out if you have any questions.

Priory Rise School Values

March - Friendship
April – Taking Pride

"A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be."

- Douglas Pagels

LittleYellowStar Teachers

During this half term we will be exploring the values of aspiration and equality.

These values will be a focus during assemblies as well as in PSHE lessons

Curriculum Overview for Spring 2

English	<p>Our writing this half term links to our overarching topic of water and rivers. To begin with, we will be exploring the picture book 'Flotsam' and writing a narrative using the pictures as inspiration. Based on the animals within Flotsam, we will then be writing a non-chronological report. Following our river walks, we will write a diary entry all about our trip. Our final focus of the half term will be letter writing with a focus on the environment.</p>					
Maths	Week 1	Decimals & Percentages – thousandths				
	Week 2	Assessment Week				
	Week 3	Decimals & Percentages – ordering & comparing				
	Week 4	Decimals and Percentages – equivalents				
	Week 5	Perimeter & area – rectangles & rectilinear shapes				
	Week 6	Statistics – Line graphs, tables & timetables				
Science	<p>This half term, we will continue to look at 'Materials and their Properties'. We will be looking at separating, thermal insulators and conducting some exciting experiments.</p>					
Grammar	Relative Clauses	Adverbs	Modal Verbs	Fronted Adverbials	Suffixes	Prefixes
Geography	<p>We will be learning about the water cycle and rivers. Looking at the features of a river, erosion, transportation, depositing and comparing local rivers to rivers in different parts of the world.</p>					
DT	<p>Our DT topic this half term will focus on bridges. We will be exploring beam support, trusses, arches and suspensions before creating and developing our own prototypes.</p>					
PSHE	<p>The jigsaw theme for Spring 2 is 'Healthy Me', we will be talking about the negative impact of smoking and alcohol, as well as exploring positive relationships with food and body image.</p>					
French	<p>In our French lessons this term, we will begin with a recap of our phonics and learn how to describe different clothes.</p>					
RE	<p>Within RE this term, we will be further exploring Christian beliefs, Christian charities, as well as famous and influential Christian figures.</p>					

PE & Swimming in Year 5

Outdoor PE	Monday Afternoons
Indoor PE	Friday Mornings

Swimming Dates:

Balen Class – Swimming until Easter break

Please note, swimming will be in place of the indoor PE session on a Friday morning.

Homework

Homework will continue to be available every Monday on Google Classroom. We are adding weekly spellings to our homework offer in addition to the usual range of MyMaths and Reading Comprehension, alternating with a writing task the following week. If you are having any difficulties accessing homework via Google Classroom, please speak to your child's class teacher.

MME



Marvellous Me is a fantastic resource we have in school, we love sharing your children's successes with you. If you haven't already, please do speak to the office team about how to sign up.

World Book Day!



This year, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6th March 2025. During the day, we will be taking part in a range of reading activities as well as sharing our favourite books. This year we have decided that children can dress up as an author, a character, something from a book or wear school uniform as usual.

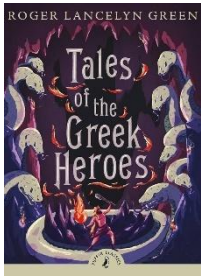
Residential

Our Year 5 residential to Irthlingborough is fast approaching and couldn't be more excited. In the coming weeks your child received a consent letter, which will detail the activities we will be undertaking and a kit list. Please ensure the consent form is back to school by Friday 4th April.

There will be a parent talk regarding the residential on the Wednesday 19th March in the main hall from 4.30-5pm. If you would like to attend this, please sign up on Arbor.

Book Recommendations

Miss Cook recommends..

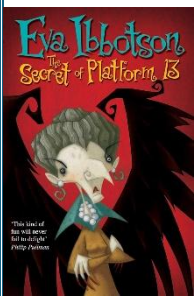


The Tales of Greek Heros by Roger Lancelyn Green

I originally picked up this book because I love the Percy Jackson series and R. Riordan has written the introduction for this great collection of timeless stories. This book contains several different Greek tales where you can learn about the heroes in their journeys of resilience and revenge, guilt and love, and trials and betrayal.

Mrs Richards recommends..

The Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson



This witty book will have you hooked. The story starts in a mythical paradise that called 'The Island' that both magical and non-magical people inhabit. This fantastical island can only be accessed for nine days every nine years through a magical portal - however, a lot can happen in nine days. When the Island's prince is kidnapped and taken through the portal to the real world, it's up to Hans, Gurkintrude, Cor and Odge to return him to his rightful home. The simple plot makes it a fun and easy read.

Give it a go, even just to find out what a 'gump' is.

Miss Huish recommends..

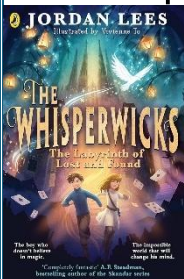
The Last Bear by Hannah Gold



The Last Bear is a wonderful book to read, one of my favourite books! It is about an 11-year-old girl named April who is going on a 6-month meteorological research trip with her dad. April hopes that this will be a wonderful adventure with her father but sadly that is not to be. April is left to explore 'Bear Island' on her own. She befriends a stranded polar bear, who is in need of help. April cares for him and their friendship grows. There is now a second book to enjoy, 'Finding Bear', if you enjoy this read!

Mrs Dobson recommends..

The Whisperwicks by Jordan Lees



The Whisperwicks is a fantasy novel that Year 5 and 6 will love. The main character Benjamiah loves books. He lives in a safe yet dreary world where books are his everything. Benjamiah finds himself thrust into a new world - so completely different from his own. Magic is prevalent around every turn. He meets a young girl called Elizabetha who has mysteriously lost her brother. The two new friends go on a dangerous quest to find him.

This is a fantastic read that had me hooked from the beginning. Well worth a read!

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.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Reminder of the new Year 5 email address: year5@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.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 26th-Friday 28th February – Bikeability groups 1 & 2

Monday 3rd March – Cucina take over lunches

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th March – Bikeability groups 3 & 4

Tuesday 4th March – Music Festival

Wednesday 5th March – Music Festival

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day!

10th – 16th March – British Science Week

Wednesday 12th March – Rowling Class River Trip

Thursday 13th March – Balen Class River Trip

Wednesday 19th March – Blackman Class River Trip

Wednesday 19th March – Residential Parent Talk

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th March – Mothers' Day Breakfast

Friday 4th April – Sing Off!

Wednesday 30th April – Friday 2nd May – Residential