

Year 6 newsletter



Summer Term 2

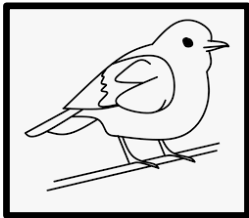
Welcome back!

Welcome to the final half term at Priory Rise! We hope that you had a lovely half term break and managed to enjoy some time with your family. This year has truly flown by and yet we still have so much more to fit in! We are really looking forward to making this time as memorable as possible for your wonderful children. ❤️

Curriculum Overview

In **English**, we will be studying a wide range of text types and writing stimuli to showcase the children's writing (and support the teachers in making their end of year judgements in writing) before focusing on 'The Highwayman'. We will be completing a range of different tasks relating to the poem. This will include a diary entry and a letter that will explore the relationships between the three main characters in the poem before revisiting our performance poetry skills.

In **Maths**, we will be using our skills, knowledge and understanding that we have developed over the course of the year to work in teams and plan a theme park. This will encourage the children's team work skills as well as their money skills.



In **Science**, we will be completing our unit on Evolution and Inheritance by comparing different theories of evolution and carrying out an investigation linked to Darwin's main theory. The children will also be learning about evidence of evolution through studying the process of fossilisation.



In **Art**, the children will be researching the mysterious artist, Banksy and the messages behind some of his more notable pieces of work. Following this, the children will be given the opportunity to recreate a piece of Art in the same style, using stencils and ink.

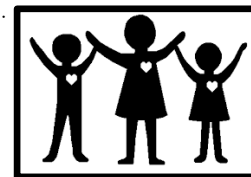
In **Music**, the children will be beginning their unit of work on musical theatre. This will involve using songs, drama and games to develop skills that are needed for musical performances. They will be getting ready to sing a very exciting song for their upcoming Leavers' Show Case Assembly!

In **Computing**, we are going to continue to look at using Spreadsheets on Google Sheets, following our Purple Mash scheme of work.

In **R.E.**, the children will consider how certain faiths express their beliefs through Art, with a focus on Islam. The children will then be given the opportunity to create their own piece of artwork, applying the principles of Islamic Art to their own creations.

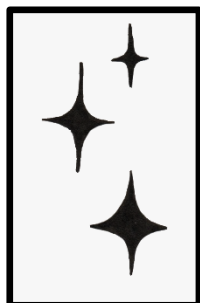
In **P.S.H.E.**, we will be looking at the value of the month for June – 'Hope'. Our next value, for the month of July, will be 'Freedom'.

We will also be continuing our 'Jigsaw' scheme of work, with our next unit 'Changing Me'. This unit will cover self-image, relationships and physical attraction, as well as looking forward to the year ahead. We will spend some time looking at example timetables from secondary schools in addition to having plenty of time to discuss any worries or concerns that the children may have.



Year Six Leavers' Showcase

We are planning to hold our usual Leavers' Showcase assembly this year on Thursday 18th July at 9:00am. Due to fire regulations, the leavers' assembly will be held at Shenley Brook End School – this will allow us to accommodate as many parents as possible.



It will be lovely to have a celebration of your children's time at Priory Rise School and reflect on their accomplishments and special memories together.

Please keep your eyes peeled for an Arbor email regarding this in the upcoming weeks.

Pizza Party

Following on from our Leavers' Showcase assembly, on Thursday 18th July, we would like to invite all the Year 6 children back to school in the evening for a pizza party on the field.

We had such a lovely time hosting this last year and we are greatly looking forward to celebrating the end of Year 6 with the children again this year.

An Arbor email will be sent out closer to the time with more details.

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

During this half term, we will be delivering the relationships and sex education lessons to children. The majority of these lessons are part of the Science curriculum and cover puberty and personal hygiene. The final lesson covers how babies are made. To ensure that parents are aware of the exact content of this lesson and when it will be taught, we are holding a virtual meeting to share the resources with you that the children will see.

Please look out for further details and the meeting link nearer the time.

Transition Days to Secondary Schools

Please keep your eyes peeled for the days that your child is due to visit their secondary school as these days are extremely helpful with supporting the move to a new school.

If you have any questions about these, it is best to contact the secondary school directly.

We Love Reading!



Here are our top book recommendations for this Half Term. Many of these are in the book corner can be borrowed!

Mrs Willison recommends...

'Twice Upon a Time' by Michelle Harrison

When the Morrow twins, Merry and Spike, arrive at dusty old Fox House, they think spending their holidays there is going to be dull. But they soon discover that there are secrets to the old house. A missing woman, a baby left on the doorstep, a locked study; as the mysteries pile up, the girls begin to investigate. The twins also have a secret of their own: they can stop time. What happened in this old house? And can their strange powers help them solve a decades-old crime? A delicious mystery adventure for fans of Robin Stevens and Cressida Cowell from the award-winning author Michelle Harrison, author of the Pinch of Magic series.

Miss Kent recommends...

'Magicborn' by Peter Bunzl

I absolutely loved the book 'Cogheart' by the same author, and the front cover of this book drew me in straight away! I love History, and this book is set in the Georgian era, which was interesting for me to read about. The book is filled with magic and mystery, and I was on the edge of the seat the entire time that I read it, wondering what would happen. In this story, there is a 'Royal Sorcerer', who seeks out those with magic to train them for the King. When Tempest and Thomas are captured and taken to Kensington Palace for the King, they find their magic flickering to life and long lost memories surface for the both of them. Will they manage to escape the Palace and save themselves.

Mrs Goode recommends...

'Wolf Wilder' by Katherine Rundell

In the snowy vastness of Russia, Feo and her mother train domesticated wolves to be able to fend for themselves in the wild. Feo loves the wolves and has built an especially strong bond with three of the 'wilded' wolves. However, when Feo's mother is taken captive Feo must travel through the harsh landscapes to save not only her but the wolves as well. This story is about standing up for what you believe in and fighting for what you love.

Mrs Dobson recommends...

'The Boy Who Fell From the Sky' by Benjamin Dean

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.

https://www.google.co.uk/books/edition/The_Boy_Who_Fell_From_the_Sky/3pO6EAAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover

Dates for your Diary for Summer Term 2

4/6 – Start of the term

18/6 – 21/6 – Y6 residential to the Peak District

28/6 – P-Fest

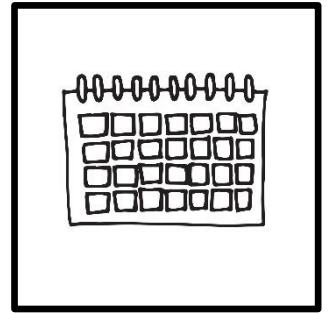
4/7 – Y6 sports day

10/7 – End of year reports sent home, SATs results shared & open evening

16/7 – KS2 awards assembly

18/7 – Leavers' assembly & pizza party

19/7 – End of term



Communication

If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please record this in your child's Home-School Link book. Alternatively, you can email the Year 6 teaching team on the following email address:

year6@priorityrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk

All of the Year 6 teachers are able to access this email address and will respond outside of teaching hours when they can. Please note, the Year Six inbox is not checked on a weekend or during the school holidays.

Thank-you for your support



The Year 6
Team