

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2018 – Half Term 1



Well done to everyone in Year 3 for such a wonderful, calm and successful start to the school year. We look forward to a happy year together!



Year 3 Curriculum

- In **English** this half term, we will be learning how to write stories with a historical setting. We will be reading a story called 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit and use this to write a description of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. We will also be writing our own story with a historical setting based around the Celtic times.
- In **Science**, our focus will be on the topic of 'Forces and Magnets' this half term. Children will learn about the different forces around us and how they work. Children will also be exploring magnets and learning which materials are magnetic. If the children have any information or books about 'Forces and Magnets' they are more than welcome to bring them in to share. We encourage the children to make use of the school library and local libraries have a wonderful selection which may help with home learning or homework activities.
- In **History**, we will be learning about the Romans including the Roman Empire, Roman soldiers and Boudicca's revolt!
- Our **Art work** this term will link with our History learning and children will be designing and creating their own Roman mosaics.
- In **Music**, children will begin to learn and develop their recorder skills. We look forward to learning a new instrument together.
- In **Computing** this half term, children will revise their learning on the importance of e-safety. We will be revising the SMART rules and learning the importance of staying safe online.
- In **RE**, we will be learning how and why Hindus celebrate Diwali.



INTEGRITY
IS DOING THE
RIGHT THING.
EVEN WHEN
NO ONE IS
WATCHING.

Priory Rise's Value of the Month

Integrity

In our PSHE sessions and assemblies we are focusing on the value of integrity. Throughout September, we will be discussing what it means and how to demonstrate integrity in our lives. In October, our value of the month will be ambition and aspirations, where the children will reflect upon what this means and discuss their own ambitions and aspirations in life.

Homework

This term, children will learn spelling rules and patterns as part of our English lessons each week. A letter outlining the weekly sounds will be sent home shortly. Children will be set a number of Mymaths tasks to complete before the end of term. Every half term children will be sent home a 'homework bingo'. This will include various homework tasks that children will be able to complete and score homework points. Children will have the choice to piece which homework tasks they would be interested in. Alongside this, it is the expectation that children will be reading regularly at home and practising their times tables, ready for their weekly multiplication challenge. 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.



Physical Education

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

	Year 3 Blake	Year 3 Browne	Year 3 Morpurgo
Indoor PE	Thursday	Monday	Thursday
Outdoor PE	Friday	Friday	Friday

Mr Smyth and Mr Neal will teach the children both indoor and outdoor PE. Please ensure that your child has their full kit, including plimsolls or trainers, in school on the above days.

Also, as the weather becomes colder, please ensure that children have appropriate warm outdoor PE kit.



Healthy Snacks

In Year 3 children no longer have free fruit at playtime. Please encourage your child to bring a healthy fruit snack to school for morning break. As part of our 'healthy schools' agenda we are keen to encourage the '5-a-day' target.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 5th October- Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 10th October- Open Evening
Tuesday 23rd October - Individual Photos
Wednesday 24th October- Family Photos
Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October - Parents Evening
Friday 26th October - Inset Day
Monday 5th November - Children return to school
Wednesday 14th November- Morpurgo Class Assembly

