



# Year 5 Newsletter

## Autumn 2018 – Half Term 1



Welcome back to the new academic year in Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5. We have lots of new and exciting opportunities planned for the year ahead!

The children have settled well into the routines which year 5 has to offer and now know their new teachers and support adults. Our first week's topic of 'Up in the Air' was a fantastic way for the whole school to start the new year. In year 5, we learned about all things linked with 'Space' as it is our first Science topic. The children arrived at school on Friday in an array of fabulous and imaginative costumes; a perfect way to end the first week back!

### Year 5 Curriculum



**English** this half term, in year 5, revolves around Dr Who. This is a fantastic topic that the children will be able to explore in depth. We will be using Dr Who as inspiration for our writing which will include a variety of genres including: character studies, play scripts and non-chronological reports.

In **Science**, our focus will be on the topic of 'Space'. Children will learn about our solar system and the planets within it. The children will have the opportunity to look closely at the different phases of the moon along with discovering why we have day and night. If the children have any information or books about 'Space' we would love them to bring their books in to share with the rest of the class. We will also encourage the children to make use of the school library where they are able to explore a wide range of non-fiction science based books to help them with their understanding and learning.



Our **DT** this term follows the Dr Who theme. Children will, through practical means, investigate and produce a moving controllable model of a Dalek (Dr Who's most feared enemy!)

In **Music** children will begin to learn and develop the skills needed to play the Glockenspiel and Xylophone. We look forward to learning a new instrument together with the help of Mrs Horwood!

In **Computing** this half term, children will revise their learning on the importance of e-safety. We will be revisiting the SMART rules and learning the importance of staying safe online.

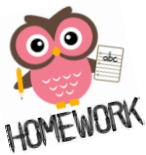
In **RE** this half term the children will be looking at different religious buildings and what we can learn from them.



Priory Rise's  
Value of the Month  
**Integrity**

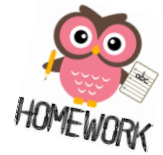
In our PSHE sessions and assemblies we are focusing on the value of Integrity. Throughout September we will be discussing what it means and how to show integrity. In October our value of the month will be ambition and aspiration, where the children will reflect upon what this means and how to show integrity.

# Ambition/Aspiration



## Homework

Homework in year 5 is different from half-termly Homework Bingo in Year 4 to a set piece which will be sent home weekly. The tasks given will alternate from week to week. Alongside this, it is the expectation that children will be reading regularly at home and practicing their times tables for fluency.



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. The homework will also be made available on our school website should you need an extra copy! ☺

## Physical Education

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

	Year 5 Rowling	Year 5 Blackman
Outdoor PE	Monday	Monday
Indoor PE	Monday	Monday
Swimming	Friday	N/A

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.

Now the children have moved into year 5 they will also start swimming sessions. This will take place on a Friday morning. Rowling class will be taking part this term with Blackman's sessions following after the Christmas holidays.

## Library

All children in year 5 will have the opportunity to visit the library at least 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. For free readers, the library books become their reading book.

Library sessions for Rowling class will be on a Thursday and Wednesday for Blackman class.



## Staff in Year 5

Miss Cooper – Year group leader / Rowling Class teacher

Miss Dixon – Blackman Class teacher

Mrs Shell – Specialist support teacher

Miss Grimes – Trainee teacher

Mrs Awad – Year 5 Teaching assistant

Mrs James-Bowen – Year 5 Teaching assistant

Mr Brown – Computing manager

Mr Smyth – PE teacher

Mr Neal – PE teacher

Mrs Horwood – Music teacher

## Dates for your Diary



- 5<sup>th</sup> October 5<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccinations
- 10<sup>th</sup> October – Open evening
- 12<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest assembly
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – Rowling class assembly
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Individual Photos
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – family photos
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' evening
- 25<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' evening
- 26<sup>th</sup> October – Inset day

