



Year 3 Newsletter Spring 1 - 2025



How time flies! Have a look and see the exciting learning opportunities we have planned for Year 3. We look forward to another half term together.

Year 3 Curriculum

In **English** this half term, our topic focus is 'Anglo-Saxons'. We will be linking our English learning to the books 'Beowulf' and 'Pebble in my Pocket' where the children will be writing character descriptions, setting descriptions and non-chronological reports.

In **Maths**, we will be recapping division from last half term, in particular 'the bus-stop method'. We will also be covering the perimeter and starting to look at fractions.

In **History**, the children will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons. The children will be designing their own Anglo-Saxon development.

In **DT** this half term, the children will be creating their Anglo-Saxon brooches.

In **Music**, we will continue to develop their recorder skills. We are looking forward to learning pieces that include the notes B, A and G.

In **Science**, our focus this half term will be on the topic of 'Rocks'. We will be learning about different types of rocks, what fossils are and how they are formed and To investigate, discover and classify the different components of soil.

In **Computing** this half term, the children will learn about simulations and graphing.

Our **RE** lessons will consist of signs and symbols found in religions.

We will begin our **French** lessons at the start of term by learning a different variety of foods. The children will then be taught how to say their likes and dislikes. Our focus will be fruit and vegetables.

Our Jigsaw **PSHE** lessons will consist of 'Dreams and Goals'. The Dreams and Goal Puzzle lends itself to developing children's entrepreneurial skills to help them: work with money to aid their understanding of financial capability; generate money that could be used to support others less fortunate; and develop age-appropriate skills to support them in their future workplace

Priory Rise's Value of the Month for January and February

Aspiration and Equality

We will kickstart the term by learning about the value 'aspiration' and will be thinking about how we can aspire to do our very best!

Homework

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.

This term's **Homework Bingo** will be uploaded to Google Classroom on 10th January. This will also be available on the school website. **MyMaths** will also be available to complete from 10th January Please let your class teacher know if you have any problems logging in. Homework will be due 10th February 2025.

Alongside this, it is the expectation that children will be **reading** regularly at home (three times, or more in one week) and practicing their **times tables**.

Lost Property

Please make sure that all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child does lose an item of clothing, please ask reception if you check lost property which is located near the big hall.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th January 2025- Return to School.
Tuesday 11th February 2025- Parents Eve.
Thursday 13th February 2025- Parents Eve.
Friday 14th February 2025- School Closes for half term

Physical Education

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

	Year 3 Morpurgo	Year 3 Pullman	Year 3 Ahlberg
Indoor PE	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Outdoor PE	Friday	Thursday	Friday

Mr Smyth and Mr Elkington teach all PE sessions. Please ensure that your child has shorts and t-shirt for indoor PE and an appropriate warm PE kit for outdoor PE. Please label all PE kit.

Colder weather – due to the change in colder weather, please ensure that children have an appropriate hoodie and jogging bottoms for outside PE lessons.



Recorders

As much as we encourage children to take their recorders home to practise, please can you ensure your child brings their recorder back into school for their next music lesson. We do have a number of spare recorders in school for the children to use, if they forget theirs. Our recorder lessons are on a Tuesday afternoon.

Snack

In keeping with our Healthy School Policy **all** children are also encouraged to bring their own healthy snack to enjoy during their morning break- this should be fruit, vegetables, or dried fruit. Snack bars or any other sort of biscuit/ crisps snack are not permitted. Please do remember we are a nut free school- this include products that include nuts. Children should also come to school with a water bottle filled with only water.

Birthday treats

Whilst it is lovely, that for children's birthday they are bringing in a treat for their classmates. I just want to reiterate that we have a range of allergies in our class including nuts and dairy. I ask that if you are sending in any treats for the class, please ensure that ingredients are checked to avoid anyone becoming poorly. In addition to this, please check if things are sent home that you are happy for your children to eat it.



A lot of communication in school will come via Marvellous Me, if you have any problems accessing this can you email your child's class teacher on Year3@pr5d.com and they can help to solve this problem.



End of day routines

Just a small reminder, when children are being dismissed at the end of the day by their teacher, please ensure you collect your child and leave the playground as soon as you can so the premises team can lock the school gates. Thank you for your understanding with this. Additionally, children will only be allowed to leave with an adult who has permission collection on Arbor or has informed the class teacher prior to pick up that another adult is collecting. If the consent isn't in place class teacher will have to ring at the end of the day to confirm.



Cardboard Plea!

Please could you save any cardboard you may have at home? We will require this for our DT lesson at the end of term. **The cardboard must be brown and not glossy.**



Reading Reminder

We LOVE reading at Priory Rise and we encourage that children read with an adult for at least 5 minutes every day. Think about how all those five-minute increments add up over the year. Try to make it short and fun – and filled with praise. We work on our reading races at school and children are praised for reading at home 😊



Have a look at some of the wonderful photos from our Autumn 2 half term, we have had the best time and cannot wait to continue making memories in our Spring 1 half term.



Year 3- Poem Recommendations

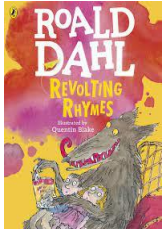
Miss Dixon recommends.... Evidence of Dragons-Pie Corbett



EVIDENCE OF DRAGONS brings Pie Corbett's achingly beautiful poems together for the

If you need to get in contact with any of the Year 3 teachers. Please email us on year3@pr5d.com Thank you.

Miss Ashby and Miss Fenables recommend.... Revolting Rhymes-Roald Dahl



Fairy tales as you've never seen them before! Gruesome and grisly, dastardly, and daring, these Revolting Rhymes turn familiar stories topsy-turvy. Maybe Cinderella decides against her prince? Perhaps Jack outwits the giant in an unexpected way? No-one is safe – not Snow-White nor Goldilocks, and the Big Bad Wolf better watch out, because Little Red Riding Hood won't go down without a fight

Mr Briscoe recommends.... There's a dog in the playground-Allan Ahlberg



This is a poem is a funny and sweet poem about a dog who has found himself on the school playground and the calamity that unfolds because of this.