**Useful Information**

Reading a little each day

really helps. Reading books and diaries will need to be in school every day. Please sign your child’s reading diary when they read at home – once the children have read 15 times at home, they get a prize from the box and a raffle ticket to be in with the chance of winning an Amazon voucher! The benefits of reading regularly at home are enormous.

This term we will continue to set targeted activities on Times Tables Rock Stars, in March this will include 5 games of Soundcheck and 16 minutes on Garage. In April this will change to, 3 games of Soundcheck, 3 games of Studio and 15 minutes on Garage. It is highly important that children continue to learn and practise their times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check in Summer term.

Our PE days will continue to be on Tuesday’s and Wednesday’s. Earrings should be either removed or taped up on PE days for safety. With our current unit being gymnastic, please ensure you have an outdoor kit, including joggers and a jacket.

Our current class novel is ‘Stuart Little’.

**Important dates:**

Week commencing - 3/3/25 National Careers Week

- 7/3/25 World Book Day

Week commencing - 10/3/25 British Science Week

- 21/3/25 Comic Relief Day

Thank you for your continued support. If there is anything else you would to discuss, please use our school email: office@priorsmill.org.uk and somebody will be happy to help.

Newsletter – Spring 2 Year 4 Miss Alderson, Mr Greenwood and Mrs Mackay

Mathematics

A key aspect of Maths this term is decimals, and we will be focusing on looking closely at tenths and hundredths on a place value chart. Also, we will be calculating tenths and hundredths as decimals and dividing 1-digit and 2-digit numbers by 10 and 100. As the term progresses the children will deepen their understanding of decimals by learning to partition and order them, as well as round to the nearest whole number and explore decimals as halves and quarters.

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Religious Education – Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Children will learn the four separate events over the Easter period. They will be able to explain which event is the most important and know why.

PSHCE - Economic Awareness

In PSHCE we will be looking at the importance of finance from a young age including what currencies there are and how to look after their money.

French – Vegetables

Children will be continuing to learn how to recognise, recall and spell vegetables. As well as learning to say a variety of short phrases.

Presenting Myself

Children will learn basic greetings; answer questions linked to themselves and consolidate numbers in French.

English

Reading – We will be looking at a wide range of texts which supports pupils reading skills including retrieval, vocabulary, inference and application of questions. This build-up of skills allows pupils to foster a love of reading which will support pupils in their independent reading at home.

Writing- This half-term we are using the book ‘Stuart Little’ by E.B. White as a basis for our Writing lessons. The book is about a mouse who is born to human parents in New York City. We will explore the language and look closely at the characters in the book. We are going to be writing a character description and a recount in the style of a diary entry which will encourage the children to use their imagination.

Art – What is it like in the wild?

Children will be using a range of techniques and materials including shading and watercolours to create an African masterpiece!

Music – Can I make a story come to life?

Children will develop their understanding of musical composition and notation using symbols. They will finally create and perform a piece of music as a backing track for an African Animal.

Science – Sound

We will identify how sounds are made and how vibrations from sounds travel. We will also be finding patterns in the pitch of sound and between the volume of sound and the strength of vibrations. As well as recognising that sounds get fainter as the distance increases.

PE – Games Skills.

In PE we will be looking at how to throw and catch different sized balls at targets and how to hit balls with rackets and bats. As well as learning how to play cricket and rounders.