



The smallest of all seeds becomes the largest of the garden plants

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Newsletter – Spring 1 Year 4 Mrs Stokes, Mrs Day and Mr Richards

Mathematics

This half term we are going to be looking at Length and Perimeter. This involves finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, regular and irregular polygons and also finding missing lengths. Secondly, we will be starting a unit on Fractions. This involves partitioning mixed numbers, comparing and ordering mixed numbers, understanding improper fractions, converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers and finally, adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.

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 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo as a basis for our Writing lessons. The book is about a little boy who rescues a white lion cub. He then goes on an adventure later in life to try and be reunited with the cub after it is sold to the circus. We are going to be writing a report based on an animal, a story set in another country and a persuasive advert.

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 ask the children to spend 21 minutes per week on Times Tables Rock Stars. 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 Thursdays and Fridays. Earrings should be either removed or taped up on PE days for safety. With our current unit being gymnastics, please ensure you have an outdoor kit, including joggers and a jacket.

Our current class novel is 'The Witches'

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.

Science – Electricity
This half term the children will be learning about electricity. They will look at the dangers of mains electricity and how to use items safely. They will be making some simple circuits.

French – My Family
The children will be learning how to say different members of their family in French. We will also look at previously learnt grammar, using it with new vocabulary.

PSHCE – First Aid
In PSHCE we will be looking at different communities and how we fit in to them. We will also be exploring how we have traits similar to our parents.

PE – Dance.

In PE we will be looking at gymnastics. This involves copying movements and travelling in a variety of ways using different equipment.

Religious Education –
What difference does faith make to Muslims in Britain and around the world?

Art– We will be drawing animals, exploring shading techniques, using water colours and looking at the work of Sue Dickinson.

Music – We will be learning to play different notes on the glockenspiel.