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ISSUE 10

PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the festive season, there's plenty of exciting news to share with you, but first, I'd like to touch on a few reminders to ensure we all work together to keep Priory School a welcoming, respectful, and safe environment for everyone.

Kindness Counts: Modelling the Right Behaviours

At Priory School, we are proud to teach our children the value of kindness, with affirmations like "I am kind" forming part of our daily ethos. To support this, we kindly ask all parents and carers to model this behaviour in their interactions with staff—whether face-to-face or via email. Rudeness, in any form, will not be tolerated, as it sets the wrong example for our children. In rare cases, we may ask individuals who behave inappropriately to leave or disengage from further communication. Let's continue working together to make kindness the foundation of our school community. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Smoke-Free and Vape-Free Zone

A gentle reminder that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere in the school car park. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our environment healthy and smoke-free for everyone.

Preparing for Winter Weather

As the winter months approach, we may see heavy rain causing some localised flooding on our school grounds. Our hardworking

site team does everything possible to manage these areas, but our aging drains mean there's no easy fix. We recommend wearing wellies on wet days and keeping an eye out for areas of standing water. Your patience and understanding during these times are greatly appreciated!

🎄 Christmas Market & Santa's Grotto - Friday, 6th December 🧑🏻‍🎄

We are thrilled to announce our much-anticipated Christmas Market and Santa's Grotto on Friday, 6th December!

Christmas Market

- KS2 pupils: Access from 2:00 PM. (remember to send them in with some pennies)
- Early pick up: Collect children from class at 3:00 PM and visit our Christmas Market.
- Our wonderful choir will officially open the market with festive songs, and you can enjoy a variety of stalls, games, and refreshments.
- Don't miss out on the spectacular raffle prizes and beautifully crafted hampers!

Santa's Grotto

Father Christmas himself will be visiting Priory School, and we are excited to welcome children in EYFS and KS1 to his magical Grotto! Each child will receive a meaningful and unique gift lovingly created by our staff. To help cover the cost of this special keepsake, we are asking for a £3.00 donation via ParentPay. If £3.00 isn't feasible, there's an option to contribute what you feel comfortable with, and rest assured, every child will receive their gift regardless.

Families with children in KS2 will also have the chance to order the gift via ParentPay for the same cost, ensuring nobody misses out on this wonderful memento.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make this festive season truly magical for our school community.

Thank You

Your cooperation, patience, and support mean the world to us. Together, we can navigate any challenges and make Priory School a place where our children continue to thrive.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Foster
Headteacher

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 18th November

Whole School - 94.1%

Year 1 - 93.1%

Year 2 - 92.9%

Year 3 - 96.6%

Year 4 - 96.7%

Year 5 - 93.7%

Year 6 - 95.6%

Congratulations to 1Donaldson and 6Attenborough with 99.2% the highest attendance this week!

Important dates:

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar

[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2024-2025

Leaflets and letters:

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website and choose external providers

Sign of the week:

No sign this week

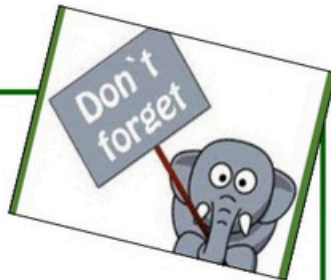


Peek at the Week

Nursery– 29th November 2024

Xmas Fayre

6th December 3:15pm
in the school hall



Nursery Christmas 'sing a long'

Tuesday 10th December
10:45am (morning children)
2:45pm (afternoon / all day children)

We have been building some amazing constructions this week and using lots of mathematical language to describe what we have built.



Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We have been talking with the children about their emotions and about how they can help themselves to regulate how they are feeling.



Communication & Language Development

We have started to read our new story 'Happy Birthday Maisy' by Lucy Cousins. We have been talking about our own birthday celebrations. It would be lovely if parents could send in a photo of their child celebrating their last birthday for children to share with their friends. Please send into the nursery email address below.

Physical Development

We have been building up our core muscles this week with parachute play in our PE sessions.



Child of the week: Abi for settling into nursery really quickly, making new friends and always using her lovely manners.

Song of the week: Five Little Cars

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aerUPScijfY>



Word of the Week: 'building'

Contact us: nursery@prioryschool.com

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Peek at the Week–Reception

29.11.24

The children were very excited upon entering the dining hall on Thursday, as some festive helpers had been hard at work! Each class in the school had been working hard to create a Christmas song themed hoop, which were hung from the ceiling. In Reception, our hoops were based on *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree* and *Did You Ever See a Penguin Come to Tea*. Both classes has a fantastic time creating the hoops, and they look wonderful!



This week we have started to practice our Christmas performance songs! If you would like to practice with your child at home, *Jingle Bells* and *We Wish You a Merry Christmas* will be included. Please remember to save the date for our musical showcase, on Monday 16th December at 2pm. Details to follow soon.

Communication & Language

This week in phonics we have looked at **j, v, w, x** and **z**. We have continued to encourage the children to blend decodable words, such as 'pin' 'sat' and 'jam'. The phonics sheet inside your child's home learning journal has some familiar words which you can practice blending together at home.

We have also been learning lots of new **tricky words** this week in phonics. These are words which cannot be sounded using phonetical knowledge, as they do not make the taught sounds. We teach the children to recognise and read tricky words by sight. Tricky words this week are: **as, has, and, put, pull**.

Phonic information for Parents [here](#)

Expressive Art and Design

We had lots of fun decorating biscuits using shaving foam and paper sprinkles!



Reception song of the week:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnoNb2OMQ6s>



Reception Stars of the Week

R Rupert: Arslan

R Paddington: Zayn

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Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 29th November 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

- Please can all book bags be brought in on a **Thursday** so library books and reading books can be changed.

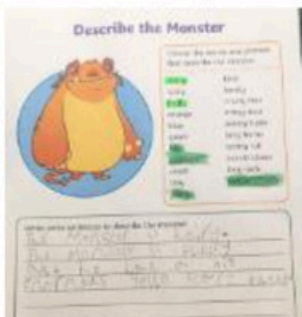
Homework

- Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes a day and record it in their reading diary.
- Focus core math skill: number bonds to 10.
- Numblocks log in have been put into reading diaries.

Upcoming events

- Friday 6th – Christmas Fayre
- Friday 6th – Please bring in costumes for the nativity in a labelled bag.
- Friday 13th – The Bethlehem Bake off performance at 2pm.

Busy learning this week!



Our Learning

This Week:

In math this week, we have been learning how to subtract two numbers with in 10. They have explored this concept using a variety of pictorial representations, such as number lines and tens frames. The children have become much more confident in reading number sentences with the subtraction symbol and use a range of different terms such as 'take away' and 'minus'.

This week in English, the children had the opportunity to describe another character from our core text, The Best Diwali Ever. They worked on generating adjectives to describe both the character's personality and appearance. We also used this time to assess the children in phonics. Both Mrs. Hayers and I are incredibly proud of the progress the children have made this term. They have shown great determination during phonics sessions!

During our afternoon sessions this week, we explored different materials and their properties in our science lessons. The children investigated which materials would be best for making a pillow and used key terms such as soft, rigid, and flexible to describe the materials they examined. On Thursday, the children had lots of fun junk modeling their own robots using a variety of materials.

Next week's learning

English – We will be starting our new class text: Jesus's Christmas party.

Math- We will be continuing with subtraction within 10.
RE: We will be starting our unit on Christianity and will spend lots of time rehearsing for the Bethlehem Bake off!

Star of the week

1Donaldson:

1Jeffers: Laruschka



Please practice the following tricky words:

there were people their oh

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Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 29th November 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

6.12.24 Christmas Market opens at 15.15 for KS1 to visit with parents. This is also Christmas jumper day/ non-uniform day.



20.12.24 Last day of term – finish at 1:30pm.

Please read with and to your child every day and discuss what you are reading. Once the children have used their phonics to decode the words in the book, please re-read the book several times over the week to help them build up their pace and fluency.

Spellings are sent home on Fridays with a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible.

Please login in to NumBots and Times Table Rockstars to practise both number bonds and time tables.

Please send your child in the correct PE uniform on **Wednesdays**.

Next week, we will be writing a postcard in role as Anna Hibiscus, asking her cousins to come and join her on holiday. In maths, we will be adding any 2-digit numbers together, using a blank number line. In art, we will be completing our unit by exploring: shape, colour and tone. We will also be learning about lighting and focus in Computing.

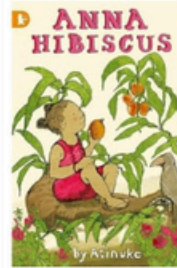
Child of the Week

2Newton: Olive

2Franklin: Vihaan

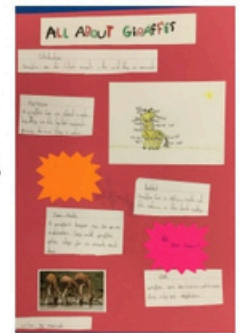


Our Learning



This week, in English, we have read the first part of our new book: Anna Hibiscus on Holiday, by Atinuke. We have learned about Anna and her family and written a description

about one of our family members, We also assembled our African Animal fact files, ready for them to be made into a class book.



$$\begin{array}{r} 38 + 17 = 55 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Diagram illustrating the addition of 38 and 17 using a blank number line. The number line shows 38, 48, and 55. A jump of 10 is marked from 38 to 48, and a jump of 7 is marked from 48 to 55.

In maths, we have been adding amounts of money and have learned how to add teen numbers using

the blank number line. First doing the 'tens' jumps and then adding the 'little ones.'

In Art, we have been learning about the formal elements, focusing on line, texture and pattern. We have learnt to describe these aspects of art using key vocabulary such as: wavy, spiral, straight,



rough, smooth, decorative and geometric, and have produced some wonderful pieces of artwork.



Peek at the Week

Year 3 – 29th November 2024

Important Dates / Reminders

05.12.24 3 Nightingale – Swimming lessons

06.12.24 - Christmas Market & Non uniform
Christmas Jumper Day

18.12.24 Priory Christmas Lunch

20.12.24 – Last day of term finish at
1:30pm



HOMEWORK

Please read with your child for at least 15 minutes every day and record this in their reading record.

Ideas for reading at home can include reading a library book, a book from school or home, reading a bedtime story or following a recipe among other opportunities! Books can also be read online at

<https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/>

Please practise number bonds and multiplication tables with your child. Times Tables Rockstars:

<https://trockstars.com/>

Don't forget that your child needs to wear the correct PE uniform to school each Monday.

Our Learning

This week, we have started to learn about the topography of the United Kingdom in our geography lessons. We have used our new atlases to identify regions and cities of the United Kingdom and created fact files about hills and mountains. In English, we have learnt more about the pangolin and in Maths we have continued to practise strategies for subtraction where exchanges need to be made in the column method.

Next week, we will focus on learning about rivers in the United Kingdom and comparing different regions in our country.

In English, we will be conducting some research about tortoises in preparation for writing our own non chronological reports. In Maths, we are starting to look at strategies for multiplication and division.

Priory Christmas Market : Friday 6th December 3:15pm-4:30



Please come to our Christmas Market after school on Friday! The Year 3 children will be visiting with their classes from 2pm but we would love to see parents there too after school!

Children may wear Christmas jumpers/non school
uniform on Friday.

Word of the Week: busy

Follow this link to find more super daily activities: www.morningchallenge.co.uk/

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Year 4 Peek at the Week

Friday 29th November 2024

Important Dates /Reminders

Wednesdays: wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Fridays: Spelling test. Please remember to read at least three times a week and record it in the reading record. Your child also need to be practising their times tables as much as possible.

Portman Farm visits



Our Learning

This week, 4 Chamberlain had a brilliant time at the farm on Monday. We were able to see the sheep up close and the cows came running to see us. The children have also had a busy week designing and cooking their own pizzas.

In English, we have been comparing the book and the film of Charlotte's Web and we are now moving on to our new topic based on a film clip called ' Feast'.

In the afternoons, we are starting to look at the digestive system in science and thinking about the different organs in the body.

Next week, the children are going to be continuing to learn about the digestive system in science and we will be evaluating the pizzas that we made this week.

In maths, we will be continuing to learn our times tables and focusing on our seven, eleven and twelve times tables.

In English, we will be with our new topic – Feast and writing sentences based on the film clip.

Next Friday is the school Christmas Market so please collect your child at 3pm and the children will be able to attend the fair from 3:15.

PSHRE Focus: Being Me in My World. In PSHRE this term, we will learn that our attitudes and actions make a difference to our class team. We will acknowledge who is in our school community, the roles they play and how we fit in. We will understand that our actions affect ourselves and others. We will learn to care



Child of the week:

4 Turing Anaya **4 Lovelace** Eesa A **4 Chamberlain** Asad

Remember to read 3 times a week and practise your timetables on Rockstar Maths.

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Year 5 Peek at the Week

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Important Dates / Reminders

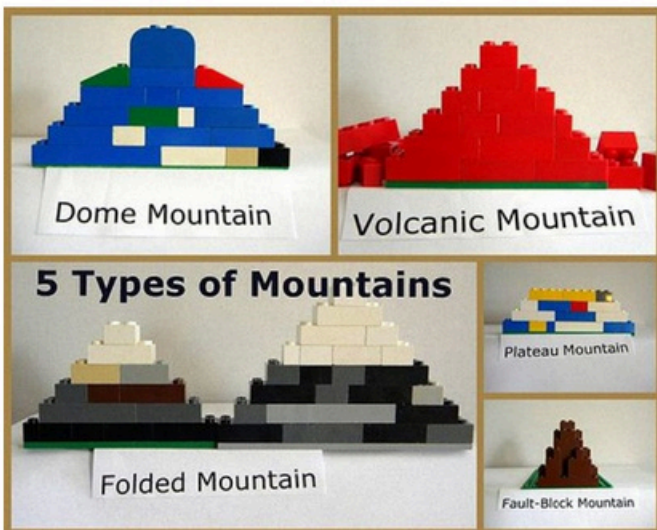
Tuesdays: Wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

6th December - Christmas Jumper Day / Santa's Grotto/ Christmas Market

18th December - Christmas Lunch

19th December - Class parties

This week we learnt about mountains and how they are formed. We then recreated some of these mountain types using Lego.



Our Learning

This week, we continued exploring Vector Drawings in ICT and Mountains, Earthquakes and Volcanoes in geography.

In maths, we started our fractions topic and focused on finding equivalent fractions for non unit and unit fractions.

In English, we continued writing effective sentences for our speeches. Here, we have been using our knowledge of refugees to help structure our thoughts and ideas about refugeeism.

In PSHRE, we continued to look at cultural differences within the classroom and how we should be celebrating these differences rather than allowing them to cause conflict.

Next week, we will look at the features of blogs and create a piece of writing based on our imagined experience of surviving an earthquake. The children will then aim to publish these on a website.

In maths, we started our new topic of fractions this week. The aim of the week was equivalent fractions and strategies linked to them. Next week, we will continue focusing on fractions, and the various methods to convert, compare and order.

In English, we will be researching a topic for our speech on a societal issue such as homelessness, climate change or the right to education. We will then be writing our speech independently, using planned success criteria to structure our ideas.

Star of the week

5Dawe: **Lokeshwari** 5Maple: **Siena** 5Ofili: **Abu-Bakr**

Word of the Week: **convenient**

Remember to read 3 times a week and practise your timetables on Rockstar Maths and Doodle Maths.

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Year 6 Peek at the Week

Friday 29th November 2024

Important Dates /Reminders

06.12.24: **Christmas Market**

20.12.24: **Christmas Holidays**

Thursdays: Wear the correct PE uniform to school. Please bring in a water bottle.

Thursdays: Spelling quiz. Homework due:

- Reading record x3
- Spellings x1

Times tables practice on TTRS

[Times Tables Rock Stars: Play \(trockstars.com\)](https://www.trockstars.com)

Our Learning

This week, in history, we learnt about King Charles I and witnessed his court case: King Charles I vs The People.

In art, we continued our symbolism topic by designing and creating Elizabeth I playing cards using collage techniques.

In English, we kick-started our new English unit with an exciting workshop from the Eton Learning Museum! We will be studying Shakespeare's Macbeth.

In maths, we learnt to multiply fractions by integers, and by fractions, and began to explore how to divide fractions by an integer.

Next week, in history, we will write a newspaper report about the trial of King Charles I. We will also learn about William and Mary, as well as Queen Victoria.

In English, we will be continuing our Macbeth unit by exploring the story of Macbeth in more detail and putting ourselves in the role of the characters.

In maths, we will continue to explore fractions, learning about fractions of an amount and finding the whole.

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Y6 Church Visit:



PSHRE Focus: Celebrating Difference. In PSHRE this term, we will learn to accept that everyone is different and understand that there are different perceptions of 'normal'. By the end of the unit, we will know how to help someone who is being bullied and explain ways in which one person or a group can have power over others. We will learn the importance of using kind words by appreciating people for who they are.

Child of the week:

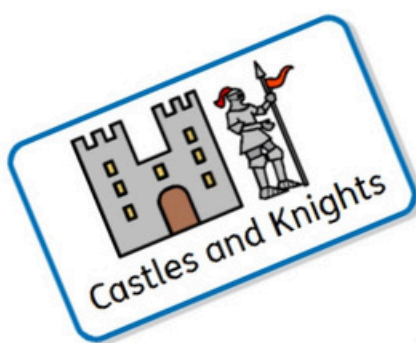


6 Attenborough: Aiden 6 Anning: Ojasvi 6 Darwin: Charli

Word of the Week: convenience

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Peek of the Week

The Orchard

Week commencing- 25/11/2024

Important Dates

Plum class swimming:

Every Tuesday this term- *please remember your swimming clothing each week!*

Human Rights Day

10th December

Christmas Fayre and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 6th December

3:15 to 4:30pm

Christmas lunch

18th December

End of Term

20th December

Makaton sign:



Princess

Spread fingers
trace tiara

In English this week, the children have been making comparisons between two main characters in our topic book Zog. The children have explored physical differences between Princess Pearl and Sir Gadabout.

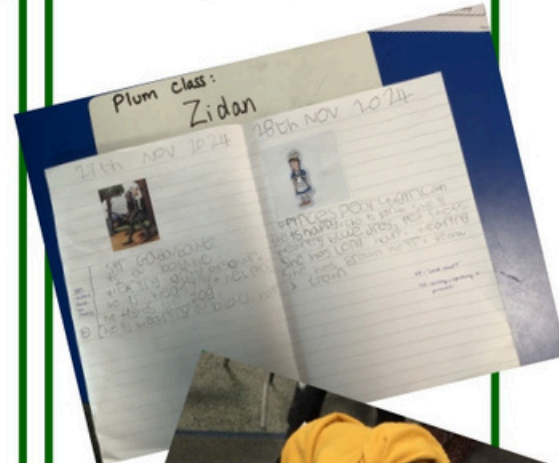
During maths the children have been working on their skills in addition, number consolidation and finding amounts.

In history, the children have been exploring and discussing heritage. They have explored where they are from, where we go on holiday to visit family and what languages we speak at home.

Lastly in science, the children have been exploring magnets attracting and repelling each other. Including, what materials are attracted to magnets when they are beside them!

Cherry class went to Pizza Express to make their own pizzas. They had to apply the tomato sauce base and then place on their chosen toppings.

CELEBRATE!



Star of the week

Cherry class: Riaz for working hard in blending during phonics / **Plum class:** Manraj for waiting for Daddy when it was home time and not getting upset!

Apple class: Henderson for identifying the characters from our topic book./ **Pear class:** Irha for showing good cutting skills.





Peek at the Week

The Woodlands
Week commencing– 25.11.24

What the Woodlands has been up to

This week:

In English,

We started our new topic of diary entries. We have started reading "Diary of a Christmas Elf". We all acted out being Santa's Elves in Santa's workshop. We then wrote a diary entry on what we did!

The children have been exploring sequencing events in chronological order and using time conjunctions and adverbials.

In maths,

We have been building our understanding of subtracting across and from a 10. We have also worked on our number bonds to 10 and 20.

The children have been learning how to answer missing number questions.

The afternoon, we have been working self care. We have learnt how to use a knife and fork. We have also talked about what social skills we can use on the playground. We have recapped our social superpowers, such as seeing, hearing and feeling.

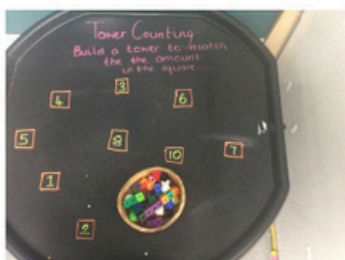
Additionally, we have been working on our turn- taking skills, socials skills and fine-motor skills. Children have also started their Lego Therapy sessions.

Next week,

In English, we are going to be further exploring our new topic of diary entries.

In maths, we will build our understanding of adding and subtracting one and two digit numbers.

In the afternoon, we are going to continue our work on social and emotional skills.



Music News

Wonderful Workshops!

Last week, our Year 5 classes were so lucky to take part in a fabulous musical experience given by 4 wonderful visiting musicians from opera company Vache Baroque. These 4 "Agents of Sound" took each Year 5 class on a super-fast tour of sound on Planet Earth in the "A History of Sound" interactive show and hands-on workshop.

Year 5 learned about Pythagorus discovering how sound waves work, and how Guido d'Arezzo began to develop modern music notation to help his monks learn chants more quickly. They discovered the "call and response" vocal music of one of the first composers (holy woman Hildegard of Bingen) over 800 years ago, and how J S Bach eventually created very complex and wonderful music for instruments, making the most of the different timbres and colours of the sounds available.

Year 5 reported that they "learned a lot", "found it entertaining, interesting, exciting and fun" and that the "workshop was amazing"! The Agents of Sound were "hilarious!" and the children "liked the way they told the story of sound", played their instruments and had "very good singing voices" to help tell the story in music. The classes "learned about crescendo and diminuendo" (getting louder and quieter), learned a body percussion pattern, "played the conga drum and the violin", and "loved being learning agents".

Thank you Vache Baroque! What a brilliant experience for our Year 5s!

