



The Priory Church of England Primary School

Learning together, aiming high

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Class 5! We hope you had a lovely summer break and children are refreshed, invigorated and ready for the new term. I wish your child a happy and successful year ahead, after a period of difficult times. Having taught most of the children before, I can honestly say, I am looking forward to teaching them once again. Our whole school focus continues to be captured in the phrase '**Learning Together, Aiming High**' and we continue to set whole school targets and individual targets with this in mind.

We would like to share with you in advance some of the learning covered this term. We have already commenced our curriculum timetable - maths, English, topic etc. which will include a focus on learning skills, presentation and whole school expectations.

Project

We begin the year with our Victorian project '**The Workshop of the World**'. Children will learn about the growth of industry and technology as well as changes in welfare using the history of the school and the Red House Museum as examples. The story of Oliver Twist will be our way into investigating the past and making comparisons with today.

Our learning will be organised so that core skills, maths, reading and writing related lessons will usually take place in the mornings; other subjects, including topic work and science, will follow in the afternoons.

English

During English in the Autumn Term, we will be studying historical stories/poetry as well as focussing on recounts and instructions. Children will also be learning some rhymes and poems. Spelling, presentation and reading are of major importance in Year 5. Children are expected to write in a joined, fluent style and will expand their knowledge of spelling rules and grammar. The story '**Oliver Twist**' will be used as a stimulus for reading and writing.

We are keen to encourage children to **read every day** and to enjoy reading in leisure time. Do model reading at home – the newspaper, magazines, letters and online information texts as well as books. I ask that you monitor their **reading diaries** and comment inside as you wish.



Spellings: We aim to personalise spelling in class this year. Children will record spellings and words/phrases they need to use in their writing in their spelling journal. However, there are key words that children need to know how to spell and these can be found on Google Classroom and will also be covered as part of their home learning. Please encourage your child to practice these spellings using the 'Look, Cover, Write' method.

In **Science** we will be studying **Humans and other Animals**. Vocabulary for this unit will include: *oxygen, function, joints, femur, muscles, tendons, bicep/tricep, variables, contract, organs, protection, contract (muscle)*.

In **ICT** we will be focusing on online safety and how to use our school Google accounts responsibly.

In **Art** we will be learning about and replicating Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'.

In **R.E.** we will be focusing on Incarnation and asking the question: 'Was Jesus the Messiah?'

In **Music** we will be learning, singing and appraising the classic rock song 'Livin' on a Prayer' (Bon Jovi) through the Charanga scheme.

Home Learning

Children will receive either reading or grammar related home learning, as well as spellings, on a **Monday**. This will need to be completed by **Thursday**. On **Thursday** they will receive maths, which will either be arithmetic or problem solving in nature. This is due by the following **Monday**. Homework will by now provided **via Google Classroom**. The children will be using the same email address and passwords as last year. Our new class joining code is: qb72cqx. Many children have already joined google classroom. Their email address is their name followed by @prioryceprimary.co.uk. If your child has forgotten their password, they will need to notify the school. The default password will be balloon99 and they will need to change their password once they access the interface.

Maths

Children should be fluent in their times tables to 12, please reinforce this. They should also aim be proficient in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using written methods. Please encourage this when you can and in particular mental addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers to 100.

PE

For our class, gymnastics or dance will be on a **Wednesday** and games will take place on **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child **wears their PE kit to school** on these days.

Educational Visits

During these unpredictable times visits are difficult to plan, however regardless of visits organized by outside agencies we will be exploring the local area through science and maths trails.

I wish your child a successful and happy year.

Kind regards,

Mr Swain
Class 5 Teacher

