

Year 5 & 6 Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful break and are raring to go with Term 3 ahead! Our exciting learning project this term is 'Stargazers'!

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has their P.E Kit in every **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. P.E. kits must be brought into school on the day of P.E and taken home at the end of the day.

This term we are studying team games. Please make sure your child has the correctly coloured t-shirt to represent their House and weather appropriate shorts/jogging bottoms and footwear. **This term, P.E will be take place outside.**

Drinks and snacks in school:

A reminder that Break-time snacks need to be **healthy**.

Children should only bring a **bottle of water** into school. We are a healthy school and promote healthy eating – **water** is the healthiest choice of drink and if there are spillages it is easily cleaned.

Trip

On Thursday 27th January we will be travelling to Bristol to visit 'We the Curious'.

We will take part in a topic themed workshop and explore the exhibits.

COMMUNICATION:

If for any reason you have missed any letters – please do check our school website. All letters are attached and available to read there.

If you have any queries, please email ask@priestley.wilts.sch.uk. We aim to respond within 48 hours.

Spikey Take Away Menu (Homework)

Check Seesaw for 2 weeks of homework across a variety of subjects. Please encourage your child to complete as much as they can as this will go a long way to supporting your child's learning in class.

Homework is available on Seesaw (codes were sent out in September, if you require a copy of your child's code, please do let us know). We would love to see all the work you complete at home so please upload all that you can!

We still have access to Reading Planet <https://my.risingstars-uk.com> which has a variety of reading books aimed at your child's level. Reading for just 10 minutes per day can have a huge impact on fluency and understanding.

Please continue to use Times Table Rockstars <https://trockstars.com/> by Year 5 & 6, children should be confidently recalling all times tables up to 12 including the division facts.

Any questions/problems with the homework or learning platforms, please do ask – via ask!



Our learning this term:

ENGLISH

Non-Chronological Report
(Fact File)
Explanation writing
Diary Entry
Discussion Text
Haiku Poetry
Narrative
Letter Writing

Science

- Explore day and night, to form ideas based on the Earth's rotation.
- Work scientifically and explore reversible and irreversible change.
- Describe the movement of the planets in the Solar System and the moon
- Use knowledge to understand the phases of the Moon and eclipses.
- Explain that objects fall to Earth due to the force of gravity.

MATHS

Multiplication
Division
Decimals,
Percentages,
Algebra

Activities related to these subjects
can be found on the Spikey Take
Away Menu

Computing

Online Safety – website
reliability and strategies to
keep safe online.

PSHE

- Dreams and goals
- Explore what will be important when we grow up
 - Know about careers and jobs that we may be interested in and consider how we may get there.
 - Know about people in other cultures and how working with them can make the world a better place
 - Encourage our peers and know what they like and admire about us.



DT

Creating patterns and designs inspired by
the craters in the moon.
Design, creating and evaluate our own
space rovers.

R.E

- Explore Hinduism, focusing on the festival of Kumbh mela.
- Learn religious stories and express thoughts and feelings about it

Geography

Locate physical features of our
planet and other planets.

P.E

- Team Games
- Tactics
 - Skill
 - Rules