



WITHAM
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Year 5 Curriculum Letter



Spring Term 2023

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PE - This year the children have PE on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE t-shirt and shorts. If the weather is cold, they can wear plain, dark coloured leggings or joggers and a sweatshirt. All earrings must be removed or covered.

Mathematics

In maths we will be following the Power Maths and White Rose schemes of learning.

Our focus in maths will be multiplication and division, fractions and decimals. Each day we will also complete a fluency session practicing previously taught skills.

How can you support your child?

Access Times Table Rock Stars to support their quick recall of all the multiplication facts. Each week they will carry out a sound check to improve their speed.

Support them with their weekly maths homework which is based on prior learning so that they can recall and consolidate what they have learnt.

English

In our writing we will be reading the story *Counting on Katherine*, the bold story of Katherine Johnson who calculated the flight path for NASA's first apollo moon landing.

This will inspire us to write our own journalistic reports in the style of a Biography.

In reading we will be reading a variety of texts to develop our skills of inference, prediction and authorial intent.

Last module we enjoyed a live lesson with the author of the text *The Night Animals* so we will be reading this as our class text.

How can you support your child?

Ensure your child is accessing spelling shed weekly. New spellings are added every Friday.

Read with your child, this could be a book that you have at home or their reading for pleasure book.

Wider Curriculum

In Science we will be learning about Earth and Space (Physics). We will explore the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun and describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth. We will also explain why we have day and night

In Geography we will be investigating the geographical relationships of physical and human features when comparing Brazil in South America and England.

In PSHE we will learn about living in the wider world including how we can protect the environment and show compassion towards others, how information online is targeted including different media types, their role and impact. In addition we will be identifying job interests and aspirations discussing what influences career choices and workplace stereotypes.

In RE we will be learning about Christianity. Our learning will focus around 2 questions. In what ways does the Bible teach Christians to treat others? How is this expressed in practice?

The happiness and well-being of your child is most important to us and we can achieve this through our partnership with you. If you have any small concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or phase leader.

Attendance Matters

The school gates open from 8.30am and the school doors open at 8:40am with the school day starting promptly at 8.45 am. School gates close at 8:50am and any child arriving after this time will be deemed as late unless prior arrangements having been agreed.