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PRIORY SCHOOL NEWS

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Headteacher's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wish everyone a happy welcome back to school. We hope everyone had a good break and everybody is feeling refreshed for an exciting term ahead.

This summer term we have many exciting events to look forward to including the Soiree, Year 6 production and Sports Day.

This is also a thrilling time for our Year 6s who are preparing for their move to secondary, along with Year 2 who are getting ready to move to KS2. Best of luck to all Year 6s taking their SATs in a couple of weeks.

Thank you for all your continued support as we enter into this final term of the year.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages - W/C 21st April

Whole School - 94.3%

Year 1 - 91.0%

Year 2 - 94.0%

Year 3 - 93.5%

Year 4 - 97.5%

Year 5 - 94.0%

Year 6 - 98.0%

Congratulations to Plum and Apple with 100% 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:

Sorry no SOTW this week

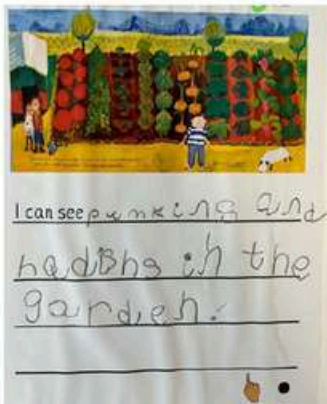


Peek at the Week–Reception

25/04/25

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break—it certainly sounds like it from all the stories we've heard this week.

We have started a new topic this week in Reception, Growing! We read the book Oliver's Vegetables and explored this during our Drawing Club sessions. In Literacy, the children used sound mats to write phonetically plausible sentences describing what they could see in the vegetable patch. It was wonderful to see everyone practicing using finger spaces and full stops in their writing!



In Phonics this week, we have learned three new tricky words: **said**, **so** and **have**. Why not try to spot these words when reading your child's library book this week?

On warmer days, please ensure your child has their water bottle and a sun hat to wear.

Our Learning

Expressive Art and Design

In our story this week, Oliver's grandpa has a wonderful vegetable patch. In his garden he grows a range of different vegetables and we decided to use some in our art this week! Potatoes, mushrooms, celery, sweetcorn and bell peppers were dipped in paint and used to create some interesting repeating patterns.



Maths

This week in maths, we have been exploring numbers beyond 10. We have been counting to 20, and practicing our number formation for 11, 12 and 13. We have been playing games and activities which focus on ordering numbers.

Reception song of the week:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RE5tvaveVak>



Reception Stars of the Week will return next week!



Peek at the Week

Year 1 – 25th April 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

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

Please log in to Numbots.

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 20.
- Please log on to numbots



Some videos we have loved this week!

The Counting by Twos song

The Counting by Tens song

Photos of continuous provision:



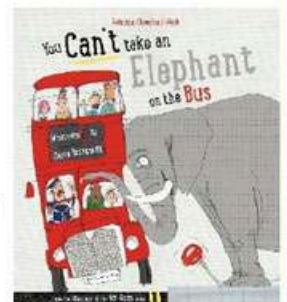
This week, we had a go at grouping different animals!

Our Learning

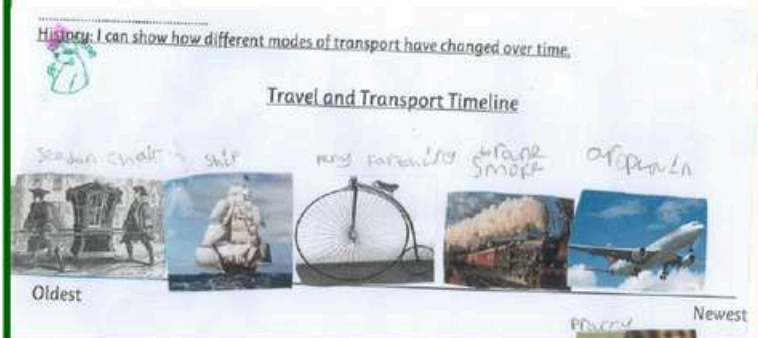
This week, we were delighted to welcome the children back after the Easter break. Although it was a short week, it was certainly a busy one!

In math, we've begun our new unit on multiplication and division. The children have been practising counting in 2s and 10s, and they've been spotting the patterns that come up when counting in these multiples. Next week, we will be introducing the children to recognising equal groups.

In English this week, we began our new text 'You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus'. We started by exploring the title and used adjectives to describe an elephant, explaining why it wouldn't be able to fit on a bus. The children then had fun discussing which animals *could* fit on a bus and how they might make the passengers feel.



In our afternoon sessions this week, we started our new history unit on Transport. We explored how different modes of transport have evolved over time and had a go at putting them in chronological order based on when they were invented.



Star of the week

1Donaldson: Ava

1Jeffers: Jind



Words of the Week: oh their laugh once many



Peek at the Week

Year 2 – 25th April 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

05.05.25 Bank Holiday

23.05.25 INSET DAY

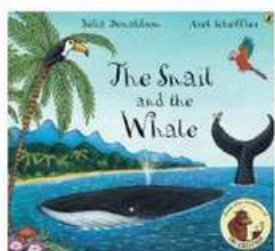
w/c 26.05.25 Half term



Please read with and to your child every day and discuss what you are reading. **Please make sure your child's reading book and diary are in their school bag every day.**

Spellings are sent home on Fridays with a spelling quiz the following Friday. Please practice writing these spellings daily if possible. Please also login in to NumBots and Times Table Rockstars to practise both number bonds and times tables.

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



Our writing this term will be based on this book by Julia Donaldson: *The Snail and the Whale*.

Child of the Week

2Newton:

2Franklin:



Our Learning

This week in English, the children have generated a list of interesting vocabulary to describe what they can see, hear, smell, touch and taste at the seaside and what people do there. We will use their amazing ideas next week when we write our own descriptions of seaside settings.

In maths, we have been solving division number sentences by sharing counters equally between a certain number of people and seeing how many they get each.



We also moved on to drawing our own arrays to share amounts equally and solve division number sentences.

In PSHRE, we have looked at how not all families are the same, who is in our family, why they are special and what our relationship is to them. We even wrote a happy home recipe including ingredients such as a: sprinkle of kindness, a spoonful of patience and a cup of love!

Next week, we will write our seaside descriptions in **English** and re-enact and sequence the story of *The Snail and the Whale*. **In maths**, we will move on to solving division by grouping, first using counters and then drawing arrays. For example, 12 divided into equal groups of 4 is 3. There are three equal groups. We will also start our new unit of **art**, Natural Art, and will be sculpting with clay.



Peek at the Week

Year 3– 25th April 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

05.05.25 Bank Holiday

23.05.25 INSET DAY

w/c 26.05.25 Half term

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://ttrockstars.com/>

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

Our Learning

This week, we have begun a unit of writing in English inspired by the Pixar animation 'The Blue Umbrella'.



In Maths, we have been exploring measurement of volume and capacity,

In Science, we have started to learn more about the parts of a plant.

Next week, we will learn how water and nutrients are transported around a plant and the function of different parts of the flower.

In Computing this half term, we are focussing on desktop publishing. This will include lessons on font choices and how to incorporate both text and images in our work.



Year 3's acts in the
2025 Talent Show!
Well done girls!



Word of the Week: **early**

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

Contact us: year3@prioryschool.com

01628 600300



Year 4 Peek at the Week

Friday 25th April 2025

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.

Times Table Check

Please spend time practising times tables with your child whenever possible.

Here are a few hints on how you can support your child:

- Use your child's heat map from Times Table Rock Stars to see which specific questions your child needs to work on.
- Practising on 'Garage' mode on Times Table Rock Stars.
- Times table songs on Youtube.
- Make up rhymes or jokes for times table questions that they are struggling with.

Our Learning

This week in English, we have just started to learn about Norse mythology. The children have been really interested to learn about the Gods. We have also started reading our text, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. The children are enjoying the text and they can't wait to find out what is going to happen next.

In Maths, we have been working on converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. It would be great if the children could practise at home using drawings to help them convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers visually.

Next week in English, the children will be continuing to learn about our new story, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. The children will be writing sentences for different parts of the story focusing on repetition, fronted adverbials and onomatopoeia.

In Maths, we will be adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. Also, we will be looking at equivalent fractions on a number line.

In the afternoons in science, the children are going to be learning about circuits. They will be studying what components are needed to make simple circuit. They will then be moving on to look at conductors and insulators.



No child of the week this week but we will start again next week.

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

Contact us: year4@prioryschool.com 01628 600300



Year 5 Peek at the Week

25th April 2025

Important Dates / Reminders

5th May: Bank holiday
 21st May: Soiree Event
 3rd June: Fire Service Visit
 17th June: Arts Week
 23rd June: Whole Day at Burnham Grammar

Our Learning

This week, we began our next topic, Highways and Byways, by learning about Crime and Punishment throughout our history. We particularly enjoyed partaking in a mini court room drama!

In maths, we started our geometry unit and looked at classifying shapes and how to draw, measure and estimate angles.

In English, we began our unit on poetry and looked at themes and poetic devices in more detail. We introduced our new text 'The Highwayman' and began to make predictions about the characters in the poem.

This term in PSHRE, we will be introducing our new unit on Relationships with a focus on keeping safe online.

Next week, we will continue to explore crime and punishment throughout the ages in history.

In maths, we will be learning how to how to calculate angles around a point, in straight lines and in shapes.

In English, we will begin to look at The Highwayman in more detail and will focus on exploring character, language and emotion throughout the poem.

We started out last Y5 topic this week: Highways and Byways.



Child of the week

5Dawe: **Esha** 5Maple: **Albie** 5Ofili: **Saba**

Word of the Week: **pronunciation**

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

Contact us: year5@prioryschool.com

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Peek of the Week

The Orchard
25/04/2025

Important Dates

Apple Class community visits

Every Monday morning—please remember gloves, hats and any donated money for your child!

Cherry Class TVAP:

Wednesday –please remember a packed lunch to eat at TVAP.

Pear Class swimming:

Every Thursday this term—please remember swimming clothes and towels.

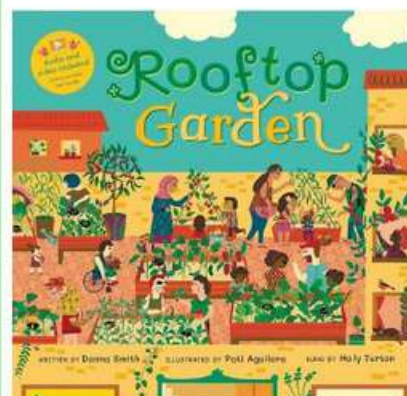
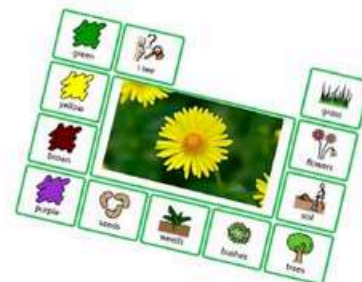
We have some great news for this term's start, Plums Choir and Mateen on Piano came in 2nd at Priory's Got Talent! It was an amazing opportunity to show off our signing, singing and instrument playing.

Following on, this term's topic is 'Flower Power'. The children have started their English story 'Rooftop Garden'. They listened to the song, went on a flower walk, and planted some vegetables.

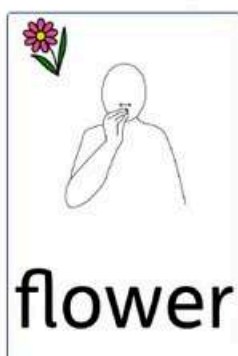
In maths, the children have been working on their number consolidation skills. They have completed a range of tasks from counting, number ordering and joining in with number songs.

In science this week, the children followed instructions to sow a runner bean. The children placed the beans in clear bags with damp cotton wool. They have done this in the hope of seeing the full germination process!

CELEBRATE!



Makaton sign:



Star of the week

Cherry class: Everybody for coming back and starting a new term! /Plum class: Everybody for coming back and starting a new term!

Apple class: Everybody for coming back and starting a new term! / Pear class: Everybody for coming back and starting a new term!

Helping Children with Unclear Speech

Priory School
Wednesday 30th
April
9:15-10:45am

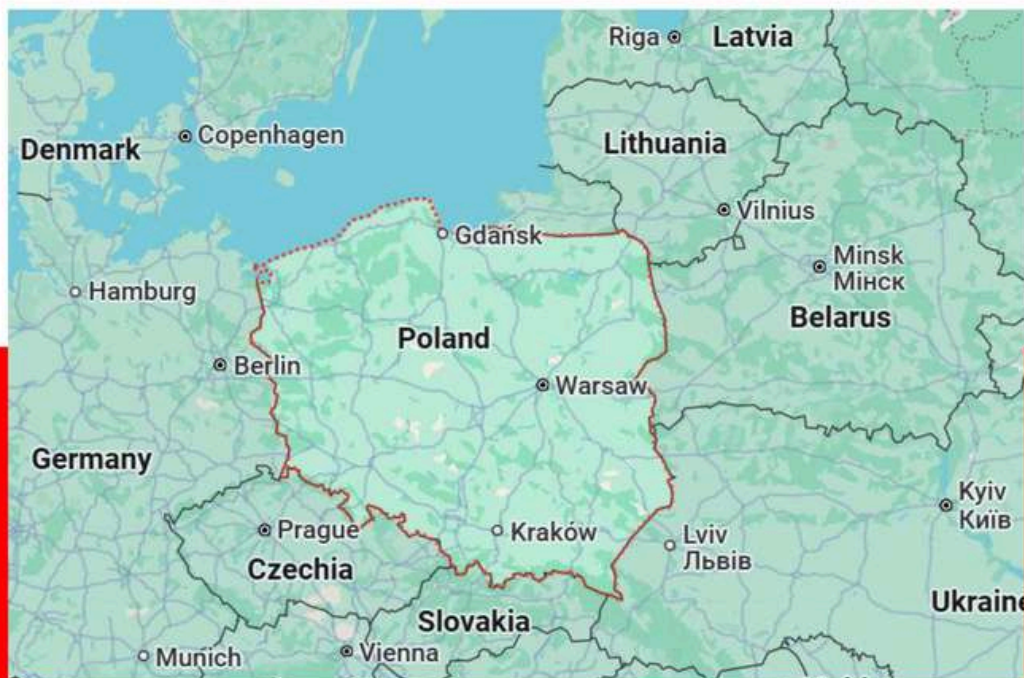
Does your child struggle to use clear speech sounds?

Is it sometimes hard to understand what they are saying?

The Slough Speech and Language Therapy Team will go through how speech sounds typically develop, the difficulties children can face, and how to help your child develop clear speech sounds.

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This will be a Group Online Workshop
A SENDCo will be available at the end of the session
to answer any of your questions
Tea and Coffee will be available



My name is Tobiasz
and I am from
Warsaw in Poland
**Nazywam się
Tobiasz i pochodzę z
Warszawy w Polsce**

In Polish I can count to 10.
**Po polsku potrafię liczyć do
10.**





I like pierogi.
Lubię pierogi.

I like to play games.
Lubię grać w gry.



The Register Rejestr



Polish	English
Dzień dobry 	Good morning
Pani 	Madam
Pan 	Sir
Dzień dobry 	Good afternoon

Dzień
dobry Pani.



Dzień
dobry Pan.



Good morning song: <https://youtu.be/Xy10uQ15IA3g?feature=shared>

Colours

Kolory



Niebieski 

Czerwony 

Żółty 

Zielony 

Pomarań-
czowy 

Colours: <https://youtu.be/18-gs4BkyRU?feature=shared>

Lunch

Obiad



Który kolor?

Pomarańczowo,
dziękuję

Proszę o
zielone

Proszę,
żółty

Polish	English
proszę	please
dziękuję	thank you
Który kolor?	Which colour?

Niebieski,
dziękuję

Czerwony
dziękuję



April - Polish



Good morning
Dzień dobry

Thank you
Dziękuję

Yes
Tak

Hello
Cześć

Sorry
Przepraszam

Well done
Dobrze
zrobiony

Please
Proszę

Good afternoon
Dzień dobry

No
Nie

Goodbye
Do widzenia

Good morning song:

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

April - Polish



One
Jeden



Three
Trzy



Five
Pięć



Two
Dwa



Four
Cztery



Six
Sześć



Eight
Osiem



Ten
Dziesięć



Seven
Siedem



Nine
Dziewięć



Number song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENMkQmSdQw> / features shared

Useful websites:



Facts

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/count-ries/article/poland>

Travel guide

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/poland-facts.html>

Links to songs

Tanczymy Labada: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJUz6OIQLfY> The children have to go around in the circle together, joined by a different body part each time!

Polish alphabet song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZslkaRVd9k>

The most famous Polish composer is probably Frederic Chopin, who wrote some beautiful piano music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3H0SRv8QNwk>

Frere Jacques in Polish: <https://youtu.be/6BXFJ8zpLM8?feature=shared>



GEMS

ADHD & Autism Support Service
East Berkshire



Oral health support Virtual session Autism and ADHD

**Friday 16th May 2025
10am to 11:15am**

As part of National Smile month, GEMS would like to invite parents and carers to a virtual session to help support good oral health.

Criteria:

- Children who live in, or have a GP in, East Berkshire
- And are likely to have, are waiting for an assessment, or have been diagnosed with Autism and or ADHD.



email Gems.4health@nhs.net



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GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire

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Ages 5 to 10

First and third Monday of the
month - 4pm to 5pm



7th April - Lego Fun - Dedworth Library, Windsor

21st April - Easter Monday - No session

5th May - May Bank Holiday - No session

19th May - Big on Bouncing - Slough (fee applies)

2nd June - Story Time - Langley Library

16th June - Picnic in the Park - Bracknell

**Please note activities may be subject to change*

Registration:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have
ADHD and/or autism and
living in East Berkshire



For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.com



Do you have a degree?



Interested in becoming a teacher?



Live in or near Slough?

Qualify in less
than one year

Find out more

Drop in sessions at Ryvers School, Trelawney Ave, Slough, SL3 7TS

Come along any time on **Thursday 8th May**, between 11am-12.30pm **or** 4pm -5.30pm