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A PRIORY ACADEMY

# Curriculum Newsletter – Year 6

## Autumn Module 2

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Confidence**

Dear Families,

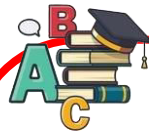
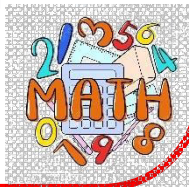
We are looking forward to the new term. Here is an overview of the learning we will be covering. We hope you will be able to support your child's learning at home by reading with them and talking about the work they are doing in class.

### Maths

In maths we will be focusing on Fractions and Measure.

Fractions will include investigations into equivalent fractions and simplifying, comparing and ordering, adding and subtracting fractions, adding and subtracting mixed numbers as well as using mathematical knowledge to solve problems which include a variety of different steps.

Our Measure topic will initially begin with a focus on metric units (calculating and converting). We will then take a look at miles, kilometres and imperial measures.



### English

#### Reading

This term, we will be reading the book Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. It is all about two children who are evacuated from London during the Blitz to a coastal town. There they meet a range of interesting characters including a child who has come to Britain on the Kindertransport.

We will continue to develop our skills with retrieval, inference and using evidence from the text to support our answers in our whole class reading lessons using a range of non-fiction texts, poetry and our class read.

#### Writing

Linking to our reading, we will write diaries, postcards and balanced arguments from different points of view. We will use a range of punctuation and develop our knowledge of parenthesis, colons and semi-colons and hyphenated words. We will also look at key grammar knowledge including how to construct simple, compound and complex sentences, active and passive sentence and how to use a range of cohesive devices to link sentences and paragraphs.

### Science



Our topic in Science is all about animals and how they have evolved and adapted to their environments.

In this module, children will learn to:

- \*Recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago
- \*Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents
- \*Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution.

### PSHE

In PSHE this term, we are continuing to answer the 'big question' - is having a baby a big commitment? The children will learn about their changing bodies and about relationships.





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Tuesday PE will be taken by Coach Danny who will be teaching the children skills associated with Hockey.

6B will be continuing to take part in swimming lessons at Branston until Christmas as part of their PE curriculum on Friday afternoons.

6D will be learning about Netball. In this unit pupils develop their shooting, passing, positioning, agility, decision making, communication and collaboration.

### Online Safety



We will be continuing to teach the children about how to stay safe online by looking at relationships online and what we should and should not share and about consent.

### Design Technology



We will be designing a three-course meal and tasting our food in the style of the TV show, Come Dine with Me. The children will make a red pepper soup, pizzas and pineapple upside down cake.

### Music



In Music, we will be linking our learning with our History learning about World War 2. We will sing a range of songs from wartime including The White Cliffs of Dover, which will include harmonies. The children will learn how to read some standard notation and how to use their listening skills to perform a piece together.

### History

As part of our History learning, we will be asking ourselves the question: Could World War 2 have been avoided? Throughout this topic we will investigate the causes of the war and look into particular areas and events such as The Battle of Britain, Evacuation during the Blitz, the use of propaganda and the Holocaust.



### RE

In RE, we will be learning about Judaism. We will think about our personal beliefs and why we hold them. We will learn about the Torah, the synagogue and understand the importance of the story of 'The Exodus' for Jewish people today. We will learn about the Passover, the main features of Shabbat and finally, how the Holocaust affected the lives of Jewish people.



### French

In French, year 6 we will be learning about Describing People through our Salut unit. We will be able to describe our height, hair and eye colour and the clothes that we are wearing.

