

Priory Lane Community School Summer 2 Newsletter

A message from Mrs Leighton

As we come to the end of my first term as Head at Priory Lane I must say a HUGE thank you to all of the children, staff and parents who have made me feel so welcome. It has been a pleasure to get to know you all and I am really excited for September and the start of a brand new academic year. The next academic year is set to be very exciting with the opening of our brand new nursery 'Priory Lane Little Learners', the launch of a brand new Facebook page so we can keep you up to date with all of the exciting developments in school and an updated and exciting curriculum.

The annual garden party was definitely a highlight of the term for me. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to meet so many of you. Watch this space for news about a Christmas Fair in the Autumn term. Another highlight was Key Stage 2 results day. Our children did remarkably well and all of them have made excellent progress over their time in year 6. Thanks must go to Mr Renney, Miss Cawkwell, Miss Kirk, Mrs Goodhand and all of the staff in year 6 who have worked so hard alongside the children. We wish all of our wonderful year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they move to secondary school.

Sadly, we say goodbye to some members of staff at the end of term. Miss Lancashire (Y3 TA) is leaving us to take up a new post at Frodingham Infant School, Miss Sarson is leaving us from year 2 to start her teacher training year at Bishop Grosseteste University and Mrs Portess is leaving us for a new role as an Educational Psychologist's Assistant in Lincoln. We wish them all the very best of luck in their next adventures.

We also say a fond farewell to two of our midday supervisors, Mrs Lancashire and Mrs Walton. Thank you for all of your hard work ladies and enjoy your next adventure.

Finally, after 36 years and thousands of dusters and cleaning cloths, our wonderful cleaner Carol Donner is retiring from Priory Lane. Carol has worked at the school across 4 decades and is a much loved member of staff. The staff are not quite sure what they are going to do without Carol keeping their whiteboards, paint pots and tea towels in order - never mind the cleaning she does across school. From us all at Priory Lane, enjoy a well earned retirement Carol.

Wishing everyone a fabulous summer holiday. Mrs Leighton

Early Years Foundation Stage



During this final term the children have been learning about occupations, which link to the school driver Aspirations. They have learned about the different jobs people do in our community. We have looked at a series of fiction and non-fiction books, and the children have written sentences about how these people help us. In our maths sessions, the children have been using their knowledge of number to calculate the answers to simple mathematical problems. They have learned about odd and even numbers, as well as develop their quick recall of number bonds to ten, doubling facts and halving facts. Over the last few weeks, we have been preparing the children for their transition to Year 1. We have looked around the Year 1 classroom and they've spent time with their new teacher- Mrs Keighley. In PE, the children have been practising the skills they have learned throughout the year to play simple team games. 'Cat and Mouse' has been a particular favourite.



During the term, the children were visited by people from The BIG Talk. They taught the children about the private parts of their bodies, what these parts are called and how to stay safe. Continuing this theme, we have also taught the children how to stay safe online, such as not playing games which are not age appropriate, and how to stay safe in the sun, such as wearing hats and sun cream.

After a lot of preparation, the Garden Party was a huge success. We drew pictures, decorated garden ornaments and made jelly. Thank you to everyone who purchased something from our stall.



Early Years Foundation Stage



Sports Day

We had lots of fun on Sports Day. It was lovely to have so many families come and join in with the challenges, such as the sack race, egg and spoon and running races.



Key Stage 1

This half term, the children have really enjoyed the Geography topic of 'fieldwork'. The children have been exploring the school grounds and creating a survey of how many plants we have around the school to support wildlife. They informed the school caretaker of where we need to put some extra plants.

Also, within Geography, the children have created an aerial view map of the school garden. They also included a key to make it very clear where everything is located.

The children have also taken part in creating a textile bag in Design and Technology. The children had to join their bag together by sewing it. Although the children found this challenging, their perseverance was amazing and it definitely paid off! We hope that you purchased your child's bag at the garden party, as they worked so hard on them.



Within Year 2, in Science the children have been creating food chains. The children have linked which food chains can be created in each of the habitats that they have looked at. The children found this really interesting.

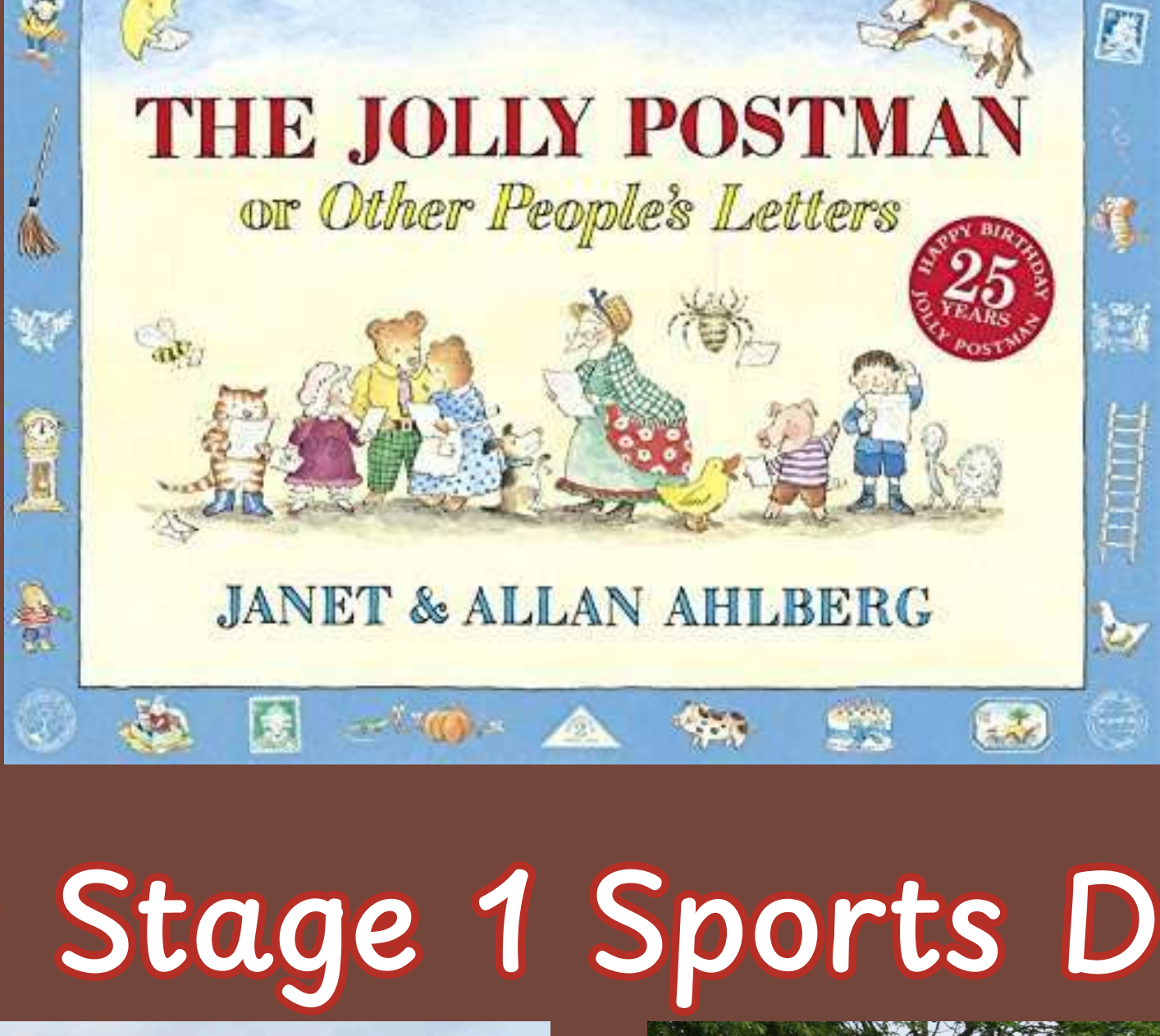
The Year 1 children have been learning about Seasonal Change in their Science lessons. The children have looked at the amount of daylight in the summer compared to winter and why this happens. The children have also explored what happens to the leaves on the trees through the different seasons.



Both year groups really enjoyed their visit to Lincoln Zoo.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their English topic this half term. The Year One children have based all of their English work on the book 'Goldilocks and Just the One Bear' By Leigh Hodgkinson. Year Two's English learning has been based on the book 'Grandad's Secret Giant' by David Litchfield. The children have produced some amazing work, and have been fully engaged with their books.

The recommended read for next half term is 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet & Allan Ahlberg. The Jolly Postman is off on another adventure as he delivers letters around fairy-tale land! The children will love opening the envelopes to read letters from Goldilocks, a postcard addressed to a giant and a note for the Big Bad Wolf!



Key Stage 1 Sports Day



Key Stage 2 Years 3 and 4

At the beginning of this half term, year 4 children performed their fantastic class assemblies, which we hope that you enjoyed watching. Year 4 also did their Multiplication Tables Check, which is a government test to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently. The year 4 children all worked really hard and we are all very proud of their dedication.

This half term, the children in years 3 and 4 went on our trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park to support our learning about sculpture in art. We all had a great day, and the children were a pleasure to spend the day with. They all behaved amazingly and had big smiles on their faces when they saw some of the sculptures that we have learned about in our art lessons. I'm sure they were all very tired that night because of the amount of walking we did. Some even fell asleep on the bus on the way home! When we returned to school, the children worked in groups to create 3D clay sculptures of Athena's temple, where they joined slabs of clay and carved designs on them.



In physics, we have learned about light. We have learned about different sources of light and have the difference between man-made and natural light sources. We have used torches to investigate reflection and shadows, whilst applying our knowledge from KS1 about opaque, translucent and transparent materials. We also used data loggers to measure the amount of light passing through materials. We found that very little light passes through opaque materials, but lots of light passes through transparent materials. We have also been carrying out a pattern-seeking enquiry by observing how shadows move position throughout the day, the length of shadows change, and the reason for this.



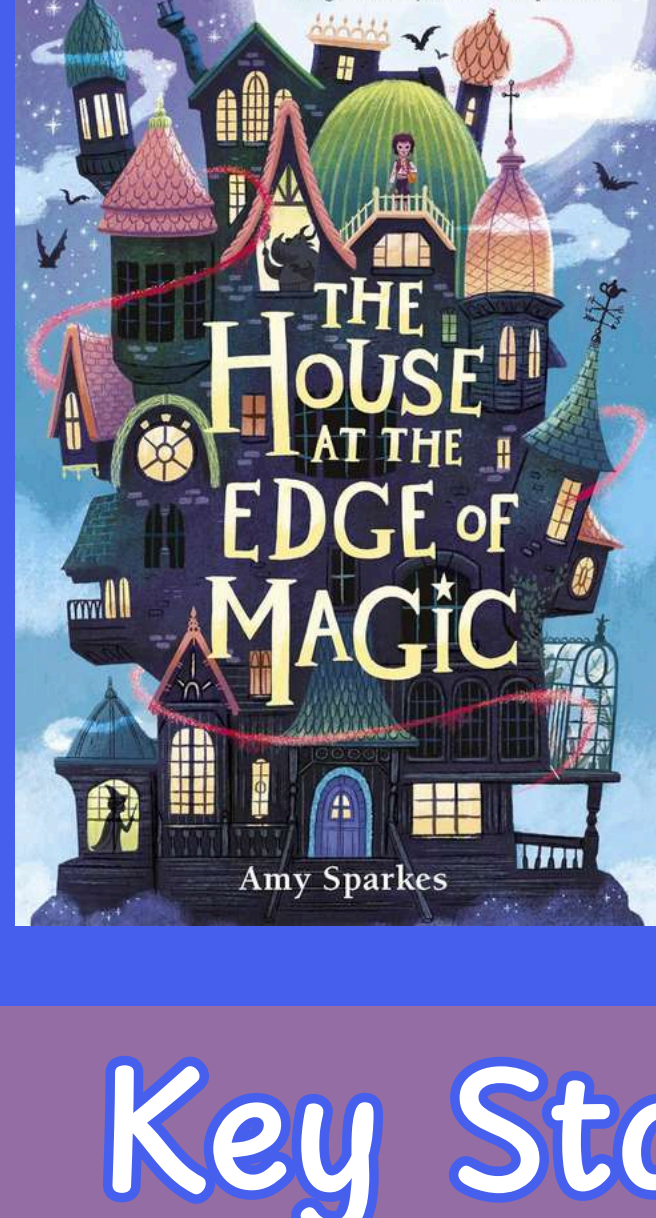
In geography, we have learned about how earthquakes are created and measured. We have learned about how earthquakes affect the lives of people who live in these areas and the adaptations they make to cope with them, such as the way that they build their buildings. We have learned how to stay safe during an earthquake, and the children enjoyed practising the 'Drop, cover, hold' routine when they sought safety under the classroom tables! The children were fascinated when we used digital maps on the iPads to track earthquake and volcano activity across the world. They were excited to see that earthquakes and volcanic eruptions were occurring as we were looking at the maps. They also learned that the area where a large number of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur is called 'The Ring of Fire'.

In DT, we have been learning about food. We tasted and evaluated a range of sausage rolls and vegetarian rolls from the supermarket. The children thoroughly enjoyed tasting the products, but also gave excellent feedback on what they liked or disliked about them. This then helped them to decide as a group what recipe they wanted to use to create their sausage/vegetarian rolls. Children carefully considered both the ingredients and the equipment they required. The initial batches of the sausage/vegetarian rolls they created looked fantastic, and the children enjoyed taste-testing them! We then used one of the recipes and created nearly 400 sausage rolls which we sold on the year 3 and 4 Garden Party stall for you all to try. We hope that you all enjoyed eating them!



The year 3 and 4 staff all wish you a very lovely summer holiday. Stay safe, and we'll see you back at school in September.

Our recommended read for this half term is *The House at the end of Magic* by Amy Sparkes. This is a funny and fast-paced fantasy adventure, packed full of humour and memorable characters. It is the perfect read for the summer holidays!



Nine is an orphan pickpocket determined to escape her life in the Nest of a Thousand Treasures. When she steals a house-shaped ornament from a mysterious woman's purse, she knocks on its tiny door and watches it grow into a huge, higgledy-piggeldy house.

Inside she finds a host of magical and brilliantly funny characters, including Flabberghast – a young wizard who's particularly competitive at hopscotch – and a hideous troll housekeeper who's emotionally attached to his feather duster.

They have been placed under an extraordinary spell, which they are desperate for Nine to break – and if she can, maybe they can offer her a new life in return...

Key Stage 2 Years 5 and 6

We have had a very busy end of term within Years 5 and 6. We've all loved taking part in our Sports Day and our Priory Lane Garden Party. The Year 6 children have been very busy taking part in many of their transition activities to many new schools in September, and they've been practising their End of Year Performance. They did an incredible job performing 'I'm an 11-year-old get me out of here' and their singing was truly sensational.

Over the final half term of the year we have explored many different areas of the curriculum. Within our science, we have been working as physicists. As part of our learning, we've explored water resistance and continued our scientific investigations. We really enjoyed creating different blu-tac shapes to explore their water resistance. Within our art work, we completed our final designs for our fabric sample. We really loved seeing how our batik designs looked when the glue was removed. Within our history work, we've been learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We explored many of the things they created and used. We even found that some of the things that they introduced to Britain are still used today. Within year 5, the children have been developing their knowledge within RE and the key beliefs within Christianity. Within our DT lessons, we have been exploring structures, and we loved designing and creating our own wooden structures. We explored different bird houses, their features and created our own design criteria for ones to build. We loved building these, and we sold them at the garden party. Within our PSHE lessons, we have been learning about money, how to manage this and how to save. Our year 6 children have been developing their computing knowledge within information technology, where they explored word processing and presenting and developing databases within a variety of different software. They also explored computer science as they used Kodu game lab to program different games.

Our recommended read for the next half term is *Brightstorm: A Sky-Ship Adventure* by Vashti Hardy. This story is a cracking adventure with flying ships, intrepid explorers, identity quests, sapient animals and the most wonderful cast of characters. This thrilling steampunk adventure follows siblings Arthur and Maudie Brightstorm as they try to find out what happened to their explorer father. Arthur, who has a prosthetic iron right arm, is a great problem solver and book lover, while his sister is good at fixing things. When they learn about a race to South Polaris, where their father was lost, they win a place onboard the Aurora, a fantastic sky-ship. Maudie's talent with tools see her appointed as second engineer. Arthur is hired as cook's assistant.



Key Stage 2 Sports Day



Priory Lane Garden Party

