

Working together



Water bottles: Please remember to send your child with a named water bottle into school each day.

PE: Our PE day will be Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their school PE kit on this day with hard trainers on. Please send them with a zip up hoodie as well as their coat as we will be outside and check the weather to decide whether they need shorts or jogging bottoms that are black or navy.

School bags: these bags will be used to transport their reading record, reading books, notes, letters and accident slips. Please check this bag after every school day.

Reading: It is crucial that you spend a few minutes every day listening to your child read. Your child will get the opportunity to change their reading book once a week. Some on Tuesday and some on Thursday, depending on their group day.

Milk: Please note milk is free up until your child is 5. If you want them to continue to have milk once they are 5, this will need to be paid for. For further assistance on this, please speak to the office.

Communication

Half termly newsletters: these will provide you with specific information relating to our class and curriculum.

Class dojo: I will post updates/information on this.

Thank you for your support, best wishes,

The Early Years Team



The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy Foundation Stage

A place to learn, have fun, grow and develop
in the light and love of Christ.



Spring Term 2 2023
Members of our team

Miss Singleton (Class Teacher)
Mrs Murphy (Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Dunham (Teaching Assistant)

Miss Schofield (Cover Class Teacher)- Monday afternoons
Mr McDaid (PE Teacher)- Mornings and Friday afternoon
Mrs Chambers (Teaching Assistant)- Wednesday mornings
Mrs Green (Teaching Assistant)- Afternoons



You could enrich your child's learning by:

- Hunting for numbers and shapes in your environment, house numbers, road signs, bus timetables and car registrations.
- Investigating different materials and what we wear in the different seasons.
- Exploring different effects with paint – watery or thick, using a brush or fingers, flicking & splattering it, blowing it through straws, adding sand for example to add texture to it, folding paper in half to make symmetrical picture etc.
- Weaving with paper, plaiting hair, making pom-poms; any activity that develops fine motor control and coordination.
- Sharing and talking about books.
- Talking about favourite toys.
- Writing messages/greetings
- Talking about family birthdays, What month? What season?
- Talk about a few familiar place names, Eastwood, Nottingham, Kimberley, and Brinsley.
- How many different birds can you spot in your garden? Can you name them?
- Helping them with their homework each week. They have a full week to complete their homework. Please complete the work in their homework books that will be inside their homework folder and bring back once complete.
- Encourage your children to use their imagination to produce exciting stories, draw and be creative!
- Children excel in all aspects of the curriculum, inspire them to express themselves in different ways: music, art, building, creating drama etc.

Welcome!



We would like to start with a warm welcome back after the break. We hope you have all had a lovely time off and your children are ready to come back to school to continue their learning.

Our learning for this half term is outlined below.

This half terms topic is '**Growing and Minibeasts**'.

For this topic, we will be talking about how plants and humans grow and change. We will be looking at the life cycle of a plant and delving into the world of the minibeasts.

- In Literacy we will be looking at The Very Hungry Caterpillar story. We will be creating a story map, changing the main character, and having a go at writing a sentence or two.

- In Mathematics we will exploring number bonds to 10, 3D Shapes and Patterns.

- In Come and See, we will be finishing off our topic of Gathering and moving on to Growing; making our Lenten Promises and discussing Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

- In Understanding of the World, we will be growing our own plants, going on a minibeast hunt and discussing all things plants and creepy crawlies.

- In PSED we will have circle time to talk about different plants, how we can care for them and what they need to survive, comparing it to humans.

- In Physical Development we will be concentrating on our fine motor skills, using different tools to scoop and dig soil. We will also be looking at pinching seeds and planting them.

- In Physical Education we will start looking at target games; how to throw, strike and roll a ball and then we will look at invasion games; how to pass and bounce a ball.

- In Expressive Arts and Design, we will be looking at art that includes plants, flowers, and gardens- include Monet's Waterlilies, Van Gogh's Sunflowers, Dali's Rose, and Warhol's Hibiscus.

- In Music we will be looking at a variety of artists such as: Bill Withers, Robbie Williams and Gene Kelly.