



Ark Priory Primary Academy

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Courage to fly!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to confirm that I will be returning to school physically on Monday and look forward to welcoming you and your child/ren in the morning at the school gate. It has been wonderful to feel the Ark Priory community spirit even whilst working from home during this time.

Some parents have been asking staff about Christmas cards. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we will not have a Christmas postbox and this means that pupils will only be able to bring in cards for those in their bubble.

There have recently been a few cases of chickenpox in Y1 which has contributed to our low attendance percentage this week. Please be vigilant and check the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/> if your child/ren have spots or a high temperature. If your child/ren does have chicken pox, please keep them off school until the spots have dried over, which is usually 5 days after the first spots appear. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Miss Grasso

Stars and Authors of the Week

Well done to this week's stars and authors!

	Class	Child's Name	Class	Child's Name
6	SOMMERVILLE	SOTW: Ruqiya	EINSTEIN	SOTW: Dilys AOTW: Rikki
5	MOZART	SOTW: Margot AOTW: Angelica	MONET	SOTW: Mia W
4	CURIE	SOTW: Kateleen	FLEMING	SOTW: Anaya AOTW: Elin
3	ARCHIMEDES	SOTW: Shaheen	BRUNEL	AOTW - Miya P SOTW - Ario
2	SHARMAN	SOTW: Ayoub AOTW: Felix	ARMSTRONG	SOTW: Poppy
1	PANKHURST	SOTW: Qais AOTW: Wulfie	SEACOLE	SOTW: Asiya

Attendance



Overall School attendance:

95.6%

Class Attendance:

1. Somerville 100%

2. Archimedes 99%

3. Pankhurst and Mozart 98.3%

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Mischief at Ark Priory!

Some cheeky Christmas elves appeared in Miss Grasso's office this week and started to cause some mischief. They will be appearing in classrooms from next week, and let's hope that they do not cause too much trouble! You can follow their time at Ark Priory throughout December on our Twitter feed @arkpriory.



Many thanks to the lovely parent in our school community who donated one for each class- it is very much appreciated.

What are we learning next week?

Nursery	This week is all about Goldilocks and the Three Bears! We will be following the steps to make our own porridge, then choosing and tasting some delicious toppings. In maths, we will be exploring the concepts of 'small, medium and large' with story related resources such as chairs and bears!
Reception	Next week reception are learning about The Three Little Pigs. For literacy we will be creating a brick house a straw house and a stick house and writing a list of materials to build the houses. In maths we are learning about the months of the year and how to identify the four seasons.
Year 1	English: We are learning to sequence the events of our story (The Wooden Camel) and begin to write a short retell of the story. Maths: We are learning to use and show jumps on a number line to add and subtract within 20. Other: We are exploring and discussing the differences in toys from the past to now. We are also beginning to learn our class Christmas song!
Year 2	In Maths, we will be learning how to compare and order lengths in centimetres and metres.

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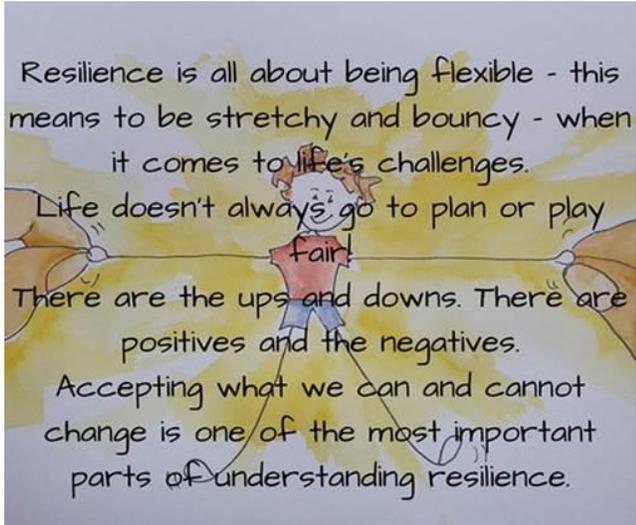
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	In English, we will be writing instructions about how to grow a Beanstalk. In History, we will be learning about what damage did the fire cause.
Year 3	In Year 3, pupils will be continuing with addition and subtraction, with regrouping, using the column method. Pupils will be exploring how to regroup both their ones and their tens. In English, pupils will finish writing their own innovated story and will start their new unit on instructions writing where they will write a set of instructions for building a Stone Age home. In History, pupils will be moving on to learning about monuments such as the Stonehenge after exploring the Iron age. In Art, as part of their DT unit, pupils will have a go at baking.
Year 4	In next week's Maths, Year 4 will start tackling fractions, reviewing and advancing such skills as calculating fractions of amounts. In English, we will conclude our unit on instructions by writing a text on how to make mosaics. We have a suspenseful week in Reading, with Tam's disappearance and Varjak's search for a dog. Finally, Year 4 will start preparing for our Magnus Dies Romanus, our whole-day celebration of all things Roman coming up on the 11th of December!
Year 5	In year 5 next week, we are going to explore perimeter and area, using our knowledge of the four operations. In English, we will continue learning about how to write a structured recount including adverbials of time, present and past perfect. Our journey through the Viking ages will take us to the unification of England after the Battle of Brunanburh. In PE, we will be jumping from different heights, learning how to land safely on the ground.
Year 6	In Year 6 we are learning: Maths: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ordering fractions with different denominators - Calculating fraction, decimal and percentage equivalences - Calculations with fractions: addition and subtraction - <i>Arithmetic focuses: long multiplication and multiplying with decimals</i> English: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying the features of a balanced argument - Debating a topic - Learning how to use connectives - Planning a balanced argument

BEST Christmas Activity Boxes: now on sale!



Resilience is all about being flexible - this means to be stretchy and bouncy - when it comes to life's challenges.

Life doesn't always go to plan or play fair!

There are the ups and downs. There are positives and the negatives.

Accepting what we can and cannot change is one of the most important parts of understanding resilience.

Whilst we are on the brink of tipping into the annual count down to Christmas, spare a thought for the holidays. BEST's Christmas Activity Box is designed to nurture your child's emotional wellbeing. Focusing on activities to teach Resilience, there are oodles of art, games, mindfulness with a sprinkling of learning, to keep your child busy throughout the holiday. For more information and to purchase a box visit:

<https://www.best4learning.co.uk/product/activity-box/>

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Notices from APPAA*

Follow us on Twitter @APPAA_ArkPriory Contact us at appaacommitee@gmail.com

*APPAA is ARK Priory's Parents' Association, run by the school's parents and carers to **raise funds, hold events, and bring our academy community together**. All Ark Priory parents and carers are automatically members of the association because you are members of the community.



Second hand uniform & Christmas jumper donations please.



Next sale
Friday 4th Dec
2:30pm in the playground.

Please place Ark logo uniform and pre-loved Christmas jumpers in donation boxes inside the gate, or the office marked APPAA ahead of sale.



Second Hand Uniform Sale including Christmas Jumpers - FRI 4 DEC 2.30pm

LOOKING FOR EXTRA HELPERS - please let us know if you can assist

We have a short window of time to set up after lunchtime is finished for the 2.30 pm start. In order to run the sale smoothly and in a socially distanced manner, we are looking for additional helpers who could commit to being available between 1.30-4.00 pm to set up, sell and pack away.

Please contact Luciana on 07801749910/email appaacommitee@gmail.com if you can help.

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The Wishing Tree - MORE RESOURCES DELIVERED!

Art, Science and Music Department supplies arrived this week

A huge thank you once again to all who contributed to The Wishing Tree 2020. New resources continue to arrive, this week we will be delivering some art, music and science department supplies to school.



'WhatsApp' Groups for all Year Groups - USAGE GUIDELINES

Stay happy and safe online!

We welcome all parents to join the APPAA 'WhatsApp' Groups for each year group. They are a great way to keep up to date with school information and ask immediate questions to other parents in your child's year group. We have usage guidelines that we ask that everyone adheres for all our safety and consideration - please take a moment to read them, and they can be found on the school website at any time.

<https://arkpriory.org/sites/default/files/Whats%20App%20Usage%20Guidelines.pdf>

The Giving Machine - EARN MONEY FOR ARK PRIORY WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE!

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/ark-priory-primary>

What's the catch? There isn't one. No fees, no hassle.

All you need to do is click via The Giving Machine every time you shop online. It's as simple as that! Set up a Giver account on The Giving Machine with Ark Priory as your cause, and then just visit The Giving Machine website, desktop reminder or mobile app and click on the retailer link you want to shop at. Purchases generate a donation to school at no cost to you.

In October 2020 we raised £19.72 from 25 donations. This adds up!

In the 7 years we have been using this we have generated £2717.87 from 3894 donations. Please join up and help support us! All money raised goes back to the school for enrichment and activities for all the children.



As always if you want to help out or have any notices for the newsletter please contact appaccommittee@gmail.com for further information.

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