



## Unit 4 Newsletter Summer 1 2023

### Reading

In school, the children are encouraged to read daily and the use of reading records have helped to encourage to children to do this. They can take quizzes on Accelerated Reader where they can earn points. At the end of the half term, we will be giving certificates to every child who reaches their own individual target. Please support your child in reaching their goal by reading with them at home daily for at least 15 minutes.

### Home Learning and Supporting the Curriculum at home

We have attached a selection of Knowledge Organisers, for you to use to support your child's learning at home. They set out clearly what we expect children to learn and remember in that subject. Please use them at home to reinforce and help embed your child's learning.

Times tables should be practised at least 3 times a week at home.

Reading: Please read for 15 minutes every day – you can quiz at home. Your child also has access to Sumdog and Spelling and Math Shed. Weekly spelling sheets will be stuck into your child's spelling journal; children should practice their spelling in their journals. Additionally, spellings will also be available on Teams.

### PE:

This half term we will be doing Cricket.

Kestrels and Hawks PE day is Thursday.

Eagles PE day is Friday.

**Home Learning: A creative piece of work about the Bronze Age. The children could include how bronze came to Britain, what life was like in the Bronze Age, and Bronze Age achievements. This work will be due on Monday 22nd May 2023.**

### School Value

This half term, we are learning about Creativity.

We will be showing creativity when we use our imaginations to explore different and 'out-of-the-box' ways of thinking to solve problems.



### British Value



This half term, in our Class Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the British Value of Rule of Law, by understanding how laws are made in our country.

### Our Curriculum

Children in Key Stage 1 and 2 will enjoy a Long and Short Enquiry each half term.

Long Enquiries: A Long Enquiry typically lasts five weeks and allows us to teach a subject, such as history, in depth. Clear expectations of what will be learned, is shared with parents and pupils through a Knowledge Organiser. At the end of the work, we plan to use Enquiry Quizzes on our iPads to see how much each child has remembered.

**Our Long Enquiry this term is History where we will be exploring what Devon was like between the Stone Age and the Iron Age.** The Knowledge Organiser for this is attached. Please use it to reinforce and repeat the learning at home.

Short Enquiries: A short enquiry can last anything from 1 – 3 days and adds breadth to our curriculum.

**Our Short Enquiry this half term is Geography where we will be learning about how climate change is affecting the world.**

### Maths

This half term in Maths Year 5 are exploring percentages before moving on to geometry and looking at the properties of shapes. The Year 6 children are looking at problem solving and using their knowledge through reasoning. All the children are going to be using concrete resources, visual images and representations to support them with their learning.

### Literacy

This half term we are completing a piece of writing around 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. The children will be writing about waking up on an unknown or unexpected island or location.

### Dates to remember:

Friday 5th May—Coronation celebrations. Children can come to school wearing red, white & blue clothing, or dressed as a King or Queen

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May—Year 6 SATs

Monday 15th May (Year 5) and Tuesday 16th May (Year 6) —History trip to Dartmoor

Monday 22nd May at 3:20pm in KS2 playground—Year 6 Civic Award Fayre

Wednesday 24th May—Parents invited into school to share learning (further details to follow)

Friday 26th May—Whole school photo

### Messages

Please continue to contact the school office by email [admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk) or phone 01803 607075 with any questions or queries. There is also lots of useful information, as well as event dates and term dates, on our school website <https://www.preston.torbay.sch.uk/>