



Unit 2 (Years 1 & 2) Newsletter Autumn 1 2023

PE and Woodland camp

Little Owls and Tawny Owls PE day is Monday.
Snowy Owls PE day is Friday. Children can come to school in their PE kit on their PE day—White T-shirt, navy shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, black trainers or plimsolls and school jumper/cardigan.

Please bring in a pair of wellies in a bag to stay in school for your child to use in the Woodland Camp. Snowy Owls Woodland Camp day is **Monday**, Tawny Owls is **Thursday** and Little Owls on **Friday**.

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. These set out clearly what we expect children to learn and remember in that subject. Please use these at home to reinforce and help embed your child's learning.

Our home learning project linked to our DT will be set on Teams: make a picture with moving parts; take a photo of a lever or a sliding mechanism; practise cutting with a pair of scissors.

Please support your child's learning by reading with them at least three times a week. They will bring home a RWI book and a library book to share.

Additional apps to support learning:

Children have access to many apps, including TT Rockstars, Sumdog, Spelling & Maths Shed, MyOn, Letterjoin. Please let your children practice on these apps during the week, as part of their home learning, as it can really benefit them to have this re-enforced at home.

Maths

In Year 1 we will be revisiting the children's Foundation experiences and focusing on counting within 100 in different ways.

In Year 2 we will be learning about the place value of numbers 10 to 100.

School Value



This half term, we are learning about Respect, and how respect for others helps build the warm, welcoming, and calm atmosphere in school.

British Value



This half term, in our Class Assemblies, we are learning about the British Value of Democracy by electing our School Council, to help our school become even better.

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.

Short Enquiries

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

Our first Learning Enquiry this term is DT—Design Technology—mechanisms, 'How can I make a moving picture?' and the Knowledge Organiser is attached. Please use it to reinforce and repeat the learning at home.

Our short enquiry is taught over one week and will have an Art focus, 'How do I draw?'.

Messages

We have been so impressed with how amazingly the children have returned to school this September.

Please continue to contact the school office by email 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/>

Please remember to order your child's lunch online. The gates open at 8.40am - children are welcomed into class at 8.50am. The class teacher is available at the end of the day for any quick queries or messages.

Literacy

Our literacy is linked to a text, How do you feel? The children will be writing and illustrating their own 'How do you feel?' books.

Later in the half term, we will be exploring a non-fiction book about Weather, and writing a non-fiction double page spread linked to our science all about the seasons.

Dates to remember

Meet the teacher meeting -Tuesday 19th September at 2.45pm

Rock up and Read - Wednesday 18th October

Last day before half term - Friday 20th October

School returns after half term - Tuesday 31st October

Due to allergies in school, please do not send your child in with any nut/peanut products or any kiwi.

Many thanks.