



Unit 4 Newsletter Autumn 1 2023

Reading

In school, the children are encouraged to read daily, and the use of reading records help children to do this. The children 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 practiced at least 3 times a week at home.

Reading: Please read for 15 minutes every day – you can now quiz at home. Your child should be writing down what they have read in their Reading Record, which is checked weekly.

Spellings: Weekly spelling sheets will be stuck into your child's spelling journal; children should practice their spelling in their journals.

Home learning: DT– make a savoury meal of their choice at home. The children can share the recipe and pictures of them making the dish OR create a poster about seasonality.

PE:

This half term we will be doing Tag Rugby during our PE lessons:

Eagles and Hawks PE day is Thursday and Kestrels is on Wednesday.

School Value



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

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 four weeks and allows us to teach a subject, such as Geography, 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 Design and Technology where we will be exploring Cooking and Nutrition where the children will be making their own soups in groups. The Knowledge Organiser for this is attached. Please use it to reinforce and repeat the learning at home.

Short Enquiries

A short enquiry is taught over two weeks and adds breadth to our curriculum.

Our Short Enquiry this half term is Art where we will be learning how to draw accurately using a variety of materials.

Maths

This half term in Maths Year 5 and 6 are exploring place value and addition and subtraction. All the children are going to be using concrete resources, visual images and representations to support them with their learning.

Literacy

We are starting off the half term by exploring instruction writing through our text, 'Incredible edibles'. In the second half of the half term, we are going to be exploring letter writing through our text 'The day the crayons quit'.

Dates to remember

Wednesday 20th September at 2:45– Unit 4 parent meeting including introducing Year 6 residential.

Tuesday 3rd October– Parents in to see children's DT books and share soup.

Friday 20th October– Last day of the half term.

Tuesday 31st October—Return to school.

Messages

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/>

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

Many thanks.