



Preston Primary

Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

Love to
Learn

Be a Good
Citizen

Ready for
Work



Collaboration



Communication



Creativity



Critical Thinking

Thank you

We cannot believe that we have already reached the end of the first half term in Foundation Stage! The children have settled so well into school life, and have done really well at learning new routines and becoming familiar with their new environment. Thank you to all of the parents and carers for your support in your child's learning and for making your child's start in school so successful.

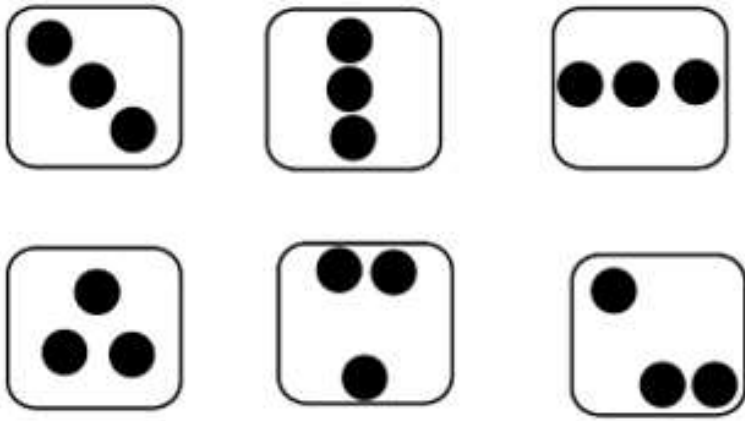
The Little Red Hen

At Preston Primary we foster a love of reading. We have been re-telling the story of 'The Little Red Hen' – the children have loved joining in with the actions and the repeated phrases. The children have used their knowledge of the phonic sounds to start writing key words from the story, e.g., hen, cat, red. The 'Little Red Hen' inspired the children to write their own recipes and bake their own 'bread' during choosing learning time in the mud kitchen and on the playdough table. We even made our own bread just like The Little Red Hen. However, unlike the lazy dog, sleepy cat, and noisy duck, we helped each other make the bread. We used the vocabulary: dough, knead, stretch, rise, roll and mix. We learnt that yeast is the special ingredient which helps the bread to rise. The children enjoyed using the timers to measure how long we had to wait for the dough to rise. We hope you enjoyed sharing your bread at home.



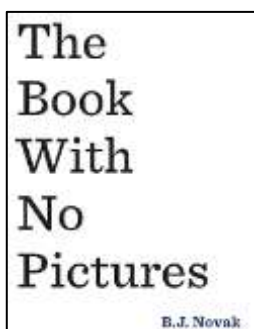
Maths

This week we have been focusing on the number 3. We looked closely at Numberblock 3 and noticed all of the things that were '3' about her, e.g., 3 buttons, 3 points to the crown. We noticed that her crown was made from 3 triangles, and we talked about how triangles have got 3 sides and 3 points. We also discussed words that begin with 'tri' such as triangle, triceratops and tricycle and we found out what the 3 part was in these items. We discussed how Numberblock 3 could organise herself into different arrangements, e.g., 3 vertically, 3 horizontally, or a 2 part with a 1 part on top.



Reading for Pleasure – Mystery Reader

This week the children were treated to a story read by Mrs Coombe. She read 'The book with no pictures' by B.J. Novak. The children all found it very funny when Mrs Coombe had to read ALL of the silly words in the book – because that is the rule, after all!



I am a monkey
who taught
myself to read.

Hey! I'm not
a monkey!

'Reading Matters' Newsletter

For a copy of our latest whole school reading newsletter, please follow this link :

[download.asp \(preston.torbay.sch.uk\)](https://www.preston.torbay.sch.uk/download.asp)

Environmental area

At school, we have an area where we can grow vegetables and flowers, including a polytunnel and vegetable beds. This week we visited the space to look closely at the giant sunflowers which are now starting to die off. We talked about how just one sunflower actually gives us hundreds of seeds. We collected some of the sunflower seeds which had fallen to the ground. We will be using this area throughout the year, and in the Spring we will be planting our own seeds.



PE kits

We have sent home your child's PE kit to be washed. Please return it after half term. Penguins have PE on a Tuesday (which is the first day back) and Puffins have PE on a Wednesday.

During the Winter months, you may wish to pack a pair of navy/black jogging bottoms or leggings as well, as some of our sessions may be outside. School jumpers will be worn as an extra top layer.



Hats, gloves, and scarves

During the colder months, you may want to send your child in with a hat, gloves, and a scarf to keep them warm during outdoor breaktimes. Please remember to label each item. Your child shares a playground with 135 other children so returning lost items can be tricky without a name in them.



Home Learning

- Enjoy the story on Seesaw - 'On the way home' read by Mrs Clague.
- Enjoy sharing your library book with your grown-up.
- Join in with the oral blending activity on Seesaw.
- This week's RWI sounds are **v, j, y and w**. Use your handwriting booklet to practise writing these sounds. There is also a handwriting activity on Seesaw.
- Use the RWInc sound videos on Seesaw to practise reading sounds.

Dates

- **Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October** – Half Term
- **Monday 30th October** – Non-Pupil Day (teacher training day)
- **Tuesday 31st October** – Children return to school.
- **Wednesday 1st November 5-6pm** – Maths Parent Workshop in the hall.
- **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November** - Parent Meetings.
- **Tuesday 12th December 9.30am** – Foundation Stage Nativity

Have a wonderful half-term!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bastin, Mrs Clague and the Foundation Stage Team