



Unit 3 Newsletter Autumn 2 2023

PE— Dance

Sparrows: Wednesday

Starlings and Swifts : Tuesday

Please ensure your child wears a full PE kit on their PE day.

- White t-shirt/ polo top.
- Navy or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms (or similar).
- School jumper or cardigan.
- Trainers or plimsolls with white or grey socks.

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 embed your child's learning and encourage them to tick off the small steps as they learn them in school.
- Please encourage your child to log into TT Rockstars on the Sound Check as often as possible.
- Children will bring home a spellings list weekly. Please encourage your child to practice, ready for a test on Friday.
- The home learning for this term is detailed on Teams. Please help your child to research the countries of Scandinavia.

Reading

In school, children are encouraged to read daily during our Relax and Read morning sessions. They take quizzes on Accelerated Reader (AR) about the books they have read and earn points for this. Children are also expected to log on to AR at home to quiz on the books they read at home. At the end of the half term, we will be giving certificates to every child who reaches their own individual target for points earned. To support passion and progression, we expect children to read daily at home for at least 15 minutes. Please support and encourage your child in this by listening to them read aloud often and talking about what they have read to help develop comprehension skills and develop an inquisitive nature about books. It is also beneficial for children to hear you read aloud to them regularly to help develop and maintain a love for reading. Modelling your own love of reading can really help your child's reading progress.

School Value

This half term, in our Class Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the value of Responsibility and how we can express this in different ways throughout our lives.



British Value

This half term, in our Class Assemblies, we are learning about the British Value of Individual Liberty. We will be reflecting on the choices we make in our lives and how they impact us and those around us.



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.

This half term, the children will be focusing on Geography, answering the question 'What are Scandinavian countries really like?'. Children will be able to identify Scandinavia on a map and discuss the key physical and human features. Children will focus on the key skills of being a Geographer including finding the similarities and differences between cities in the United Kingdom and Scandinavia. Children will be encouraged to create their own enquiry questions and find the answers to these using new and existing knowledge.

Short Enquiries

A short enquiry can last anything from 1 – 3 days and adds breadth to our curriculum. Our Short Enquiry for this half-term is Music, with a focus on 'How do I perform?'. This will link to the Carol Service that Unit 3 will take part in on Monday 11th December. We warmly invite you along to watch the children perform and participate with your families. Further details will be provided closer to the time. With performing as our focus, children will be learning to project their voice and engage a crowd.

Maths

Maths is taught in separate year groups so your child may be moving rooms and teachers during maths time. In Year 3 maths, children are learning about adding and subtracting within 1000. In Year 4, children are learning to add and subtract with numbers up to 10,000. All children will be using manipulatives to support their understanding before learning to use the formal methods for addition and subtraction.

Please ensure your children are practicing their multiplication tables up 12x12 daily.

Dates to remember

Thursday 23rd November— Starlings Sports Festival at Paignton Academy (Further details to come).

Thursday 23rd November, 5-6pm— Key Stage Two Maths Parent Workshop.

Wednesday 6th December, 2:45pm—Rock Up and Read in Unit 3.

Friday 8th December—FOPPS Christmas Market and non uniform day.

Monday 11th December—Carol Service at St Paul's Church.

Thursday 14th December—FOPPS 'Elfridges Christmas shop.

Friday 15th December—Christmas School Lunch.

Monday 18th December— Christmas jumper day and Unit party.

Tuesday 19th December— Last day of term and Whole School Assembly.

Literacy

Children will be writing a non-fiction text about an animal based on the book 'Dare to Care: Pet Dragon' by MP Robertson and Sally Symes. Children will be using sub-headings appropriately and writing in multi -clause sentences to inform and teach their reader about an animal. Then, children will re-write part of 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs. They will focus on creating effective setting using adjectives for description to engage their reader.



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/>