



## Unit 2 (Years 1 & 2) Newsletter Autumn 2 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, blue shorts or jogging bottoms, black trainers or plimsolls, and school jumper.

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 will also be set on Teams: keep a weather diary; record a weather forecast on Seesaw; find out about a hot area—The Sahara Desert, or a cold area—Antarctica; find out about Tromsø—where is it? What is the weather like there?

### Dates to remember

Maths workshop—**Thursday 9th November 5.00 - 6.00pm**

Nativity parts and lines to go home—**Friday 10th November**

Nativity rehearsals start—**Monday 13th November**

Parents meetings—**Tuesday 14th November 3.20—6.30pm**

Parents meetings— **Wednesday 15th November 3.20—7pm**

Costumes for Nativity into school—**Monday 4th December**

Year 2 Fire Service assembly—**Thursday 7th December**

Non uniform day for tombola and FOPPS Christmas market—**Friday 8th December**

KS1 Nativity - **Wednesday 13th December 9.30am & 2.30pm**

FOPPS Elfridges shop—**Thursday 14th December**

School Christmas lunch—**Friday 15th December**

Christmas jumper day & Unit parties—**Monday 18th December**

End of Term and Whole School Assembly - **Tuesday 19th December**

School returns after the holidays— **Wednesday 3rd January**

Maths—**In Year 1** we will be using what we have learnt about place value and addition and subtraction of numbers to 10 to help us move on to place value and addition and subtraction of numbers up to 20. We will also be learning about position and direction within geometry.

**In year 2** we are going to be learning addition and subtraction, building to adding and subtracting any 2 digit number from and to 2 digit numbers.

### School Value



This half term, we are learning about Responsibility, by taking care with our learning and looking after our classroom environment. We are also thinking about looking after our friends and others.

### British Value



This half term, in our Class Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the British Value of Tolerance, by understanding about different cultures and accepting others opinions.

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 first Learning Enquiry this term is Geography—How does the Weather affect our lives? The children will explore different types of weather and learn how to measure some types of weather and keep records of weather. They will compare the weather in different seasons and compare the weather in two different locations around the world. The Knowledge Organiser 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 will have a Music focus. We will be learning to sing, act, and perform to an audience in readiness for our Christmas performance 'The Lucky Owl'.

### 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/>. 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, *Boa's Bad Birthday*. The children will be writing a story based on this text.

Later in the half term we will be exploring a poetry book, *I love Bugs*. The children will write a similar poem linked to Christmas.