



# Unit 4 Newsletter Autumn 2 2023

## Reading

In school, the children are encouraged to read daily and the use of reading records have helped to encourage the children to do this. They can take quizzes on Accelerated Reader where they can earn points. The link for AR has been posted on Teams and can be accessed at home. At the end of the half term, we will be giving certificates to every child who reaches their own individual AR 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 practised at least 3 times a week at home.

Reading: Please read for 15 minutes every day – you can quiz on Accelerated Reader at home. Your child also has access to Sumdog and Spelling and Math Shed. Weekly spelling sheets will be stuck into your child’s spelling journal; children should practice their spelling in their journals.

Home learning: A creative piece of work about a natural disaster of your choice. Children can create a poster, PowerPoint, or quiz.

## PE

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

Kestrels PE day is Wednesday

Eagles and Hawks PE day is Thursday

## School Value

This half term, we are learning about Responsibility. We all need to be responsible so that our friends know they can rely on us. This helps us to be Good Citizens.



## 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 the opinions of others.



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 Long Learning Enquiry this term is Geography, where we will answer the question, ‘How does climate change and natural disasters affect the world?’. The Knowledge Organiser for this is attached. Please use it to reinforce and repeat the learning at home.

## Short Enquiries

A short enquiry lasts for two weeks and adds breadth to our curriculum.

Our short enquiry 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 Tuesday 12th 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.

## Dates to remember

Friday 10th November 2pm – Remembrance Assembly and Book Look

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November – Parents evening

Thursday 23rd November 5-6pm – Key Stage 2 Maths Parent Workshop

Friday 8th December – FOPPS Christmas market and non uniform/ Christmas jumpers

Tuesday 12th December 6-7pm – Unit 4 Carol service at St Paul's Church

Tuesday 12th December 2:45pm – Rock Up and Read in Unit 4

Thursday 14th December – FOPPS ‘Elfridges Christmas Shop

Friday 15th December – Christmas school lunch

Monday 18th December – Units Christmas parties & Christmas jumper day

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

## Maths

This half term in Maths, Year 5 are exploring multiplication, division and statistics. The Year 6 children are going to be exploring multiplication, division and fractions. All the children are going to be using concrete resources, visual images & representations to support them with their learning.

## Literacy

We are starting off the half term by exploring a narrative called ‘Weslandia’ by Paul Fleischman where the children will write their narrative about their own civilisation. Our second text this half term is ‘Volcanoes’ by Izzi Howell which is exploring writing non-chronological reports.

## 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/>