

# Preston Primary

## Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Happy New Year!



Love to  
Learn

Be a Good  
Citizen

Ready for  
Work



Collaboration



Communication



Creativity



Critical Thinking

### Learning Experience – When I Grow Up...



This half term our learning experience is titled 'When I Grow Up'. We will be talking to the children about some of the many opportunities they have in the future workplace. We will be linking the learning to our school aim of 'Ready For Work' and looking closely at how our school values and the 4C's (Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity) are important future skills.

We will talk about a variety of jobs and how they are important in our lives. We will focus on a few jobs in particular to answer the following questions:

1. What jobs do people have? Develop an understanding of people's jobs and how they support us in our lives.
2. How have some jobs changed over time?
3. What will you be when you grow up? Develop an understanding of the broad life options. Expand on and challenge stereotypical assumptions.

We have high expectations for every child, and it is important that they feel confident in their abilities and are aspirational.



We will be exploring lots of different jobs over the coming weeks. We have some special visitors coming to share their jobs with the children. We are also planning some small trips to the community to support our learning enquiry. We will share more details with you soon. In the meantime, we have some home learning for the parents.

### **PARENT HOME LEARNING!**

It would be lovely if you could share your own career experiences with the children. Talk to your child about your current job and any other jobs you have had in the past. Then, if anyone would like to create a one-page A4 profile about their job or a job they have done in the past, we would love to share these with all the children and possibly create a folder to put on our bookshelf. You could include a photo and detail your job and the role you have. You could write about your favourite part of the job, any special equipment you use, if you wear a uniform, and any training you had. If you can link your job to our school values that would be wonderful. This is of course optional, but it would be very special for the children. You could send in a paper copy or submit an electronic version via e-mail ([foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk)) or Seesaw. Thank you for your support.

## School Value - Independence



Our school value this half term is Independence. In Foundation we learn the school values through dinosaurs. The children were introduced to 'Independasaurus'.



"I am Independasaurus. I like to have a go at doing things by myself and I am able to concentrate and focus really well. I am good at having a go and trying out different ways, even if I find things tricky because this is when I am learning the most. I know that it is fine to make mistakes as this is how I learn new things."

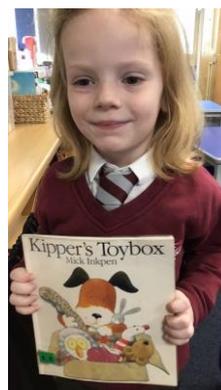


The children spent an afternoon exploring how they can be independent and why it is important. We talked about how being independent doesn't mean you cannot ask for help, it is about trying yourself first. They took part in a carousel of activities talking about and demonstrating independence. This included dressing up, singing songs, listening to and talking about the story of Zog. They also coloured in a picture of Independasaurus and recorded on Seesaw how they use Independence in school.

We have assigned an independence activity on Seesaw for the children to complete this half term.

## Reading for Pleasure – Children's Choice

As a whole school we promote a love of reading through a variety of activities. Each half term we have a whole school theme and this half term it is called '**Children's Choice**'. We are encouraging children to bring to school one of their favourite books to share with the rest of the class. This can be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or even a magazine that they enjoy. Between now and half term, please discuss with your child which book they would like to bring. We will be encouraging every child to participate. They can bring the book anytime between now and half term. If one of your child's favourite books is from the school library, please let us know and we will help them find it. We may keep the book in school for a few days so please be patient. We look forward to sharing a love of reading.



## **Baby Photos**

As part of our learning experience, we will be making simple timelines. Please could you send in a photograph of your child to use on their timeline. You can either send in a physical photograph and we can take a copy. Alternatively, you could send a photo via Seesaw or e-mail [foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support.

## **Home Learning**

- Enjoy listening to this week's story on Seesaw.
- Check your child's book bag or on Seesaw for phonics activities and reading.
- Complete the Independence challenge on Seesaw.
- Send in a baby picture by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January (via Seesaw or e-mail [foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk) or send in an actual photograph)
- Find out about your parents' jobs. **PARENTS – Please remember you have home learning as well (details above)!**
- Decide which book you would like to share with the class and bring it to school between now and half term. More details can be found above.

Kind Regards, Mrs Bastin, Mrs Clague and the Foundation Stage Team