



## Unit 2 (Years 1 & 2) Newsletter Spring 1 2024

### 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.

Unit 2 home learning – History long enquiry 'Who were Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell?'

-Draw a timeline of your life including some significant events in your life

-Write a fact file about, or draw a portrait of, Mary Seacole or Edith Cavell

-Find out about nurses uniforms and equipment from the time of Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell, and nurses uniform and equipment that is in use today.

### Literacy

Our literacy is linked to a Science based text, 'Reptiles'. The children will be writing a non-chronological report about a different animal group linked to our Science.

Later in the half term, we will be reading 'Augustus and his Smile'. We will then write our own story based on this text.

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 learn about 2D shapes and measuring length and height.

**In Year 2** we are going to be learning about subtraction, building to subtracting any 2 digit number from a 2 digit number. We will then move on to multiplication and division.

### Reading for Pleasure:

Our reading for pleasure theme for this half-term is 'Children's Choice'. Every child will have the opportunity to share their favourite book with their class; this could be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or even a magazine from home or our library. The children will share why the text is their favourite and their class teacher will read a section of the book to the rest of the class. This is a great opportunity for children to share and recommend books to their peers.

### School Value



This half term, we are learning about Independence by exploring different solutions to a problem and learning from our mistakes. We are encouraged to use different resources to help ourselves.

### 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 first Learning Enquiry this term is **History—Who were Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell?** The children will learn what makes someone a significant person, who these two people are, what is similar about these two nurses, and what is different about them. 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 **Computing focus—How do Robots move?** We will be learning about algorithms and debugging simple programs.

### 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.

### Dates to remember:

Book look—Wednesday 7th February

Last day of term—Friday 9th February

Return after half term—Monday 19th February