



Unit 3 Newsletter Spring 1 2024

PE— Ball skills

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.

-Black 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.

Home learning for this half term: Children are asked to explore Roman Britain and share what they have discovered. This can be presented as a fact page, presentation, or any creative way they like. We ask that these are brought in on Monday 5th February, to be shared on Thursday 8th February.

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.

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 either 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, in our Class Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the value of Independence and how we can become more independent across all aspects of our lives.



British Value

We will be learning about tolerance and linking this to the skill of respect because it is a key skill for life in Britain.



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 History, answering the question 'How did the Romans change Britain?'** This important topic will cover Britain in the period before the Roman invasion and then children will learn about the impact that the Romans had on Britain. Children will learn that written language, roads and towns all originated with the Romans. Children will also enjoy learning about what the resistance to the Romans looked like, and in particular, the role played by Boudica.

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 computing.** Children will learn about how digital networks work and how networks connect multiple different devices. They will learn that the internet and the world wide web are both a series of networks linking devices together and children will begin to think about why linking networks together can be useful.

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 to 12x12 daily.**

Literacy

Children will write a non-fiction text about an aspect of Roman life, based on the 'A Question of History' series by Tim Cooke. Children will be recapping use of question sentences, sub-headings and multi-clause sentences, and learning how to organise their work effectively and use adverbials in different ways. Children will also write a short story in the style of '13 words' by Lemony Snicket. Children will write this story based on random words and learn to manipulate language for meaning.



Dates to remember

Tuesday 23rd January—Visit from Rev. Ruth from St Paul's Church to talk to the children about the Gospels.

Thursday 25th January—Swifts sports festival at Paignton Academy.

Thursday 8th February—Book look at 2:45pm in classrooms.

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/>