



## Unit 4 Newsletter Spring 1 2024

### Reading

In school, the children are encouraged to read daily and the use of reading records have helped to encourage to 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 target.

Please read with your child for 15 minutes a day.

### 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.

**Maths:** Times tables should be practiced at least 3 times a week at home.

**Reading:** Please read for 15 minutes every day – you can now quiz at home.

**Spellings:** Weekly spelling sheets will be stuck into your child's spelling journal; children should practice their spelling in their journals. Additionally, spellings will be uploaded to HomeLink Seesaw.

**History:** A creative piece of work around the achievements of an early civilisation (Ancient Egyptians, Ancient Sumer, Indus Valley or Shang Dynasty). This work will be due on **Monday 5th February 2024** and can be uploaded on to Teams or can be brought into school.

### 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 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.

### PE:

This half term we will be doing Dodgeball 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 Independence. The children will be encouraged to have a go at activities that they find difficult and solve problems in their own unique way.

### British Value



This half term, in our Class Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the British Value of Individual liberty, by thinking about the choices that we make.

### Our Curriculum:

Children in Key Stage 1 and 2 will enjoy a long and short enquiry each half term.

**Long Enquiries:** **Our Long Enquiry this half term is History.** We will be exploring the achievements of the early civilisations, which includes the Ancient Egyptians, Ancient Sumer, Indus Valley, and Shang Dynasty. The Knowledge Organiser for this is attached. Please use it to reinforce and repeat the learning at home.

**Short Enquiries:** **Our Short Enquiry this half term is Computing.** We will be exploring the use of technology to create Art.

### Maths

This half term in Maths Year 5 are exploring statistics and fractions, where they will compare, add, subtract and multiply fractions. The Year 6 children are exploring decimals and percentages. All the children are going to be using concrete resources, visual images and representations to support them with their learning.

### Literacy

We are starting off the half term by exploring a hybrid text: 'Great Adventurers' by Alastair Humphreys, where we will be writing our own text about an adventurer. Our second text this half term is 'A Word in your Ear' by Tony Ross where the children will be writing their own narrative.

### Dates to remember

Trip to The Box museum – Wednesday 10th January 2024

Kestrels Sports Festival – Thursday 18th January 2024

Last day before half term - Friday 9th February 2024

Book Look – Tuesday 6th February 2024

School returns after half term - Monday 19th February 2024

### 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/>