



Preston Primary

Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024



Love to
Learn

Be a Good
Citizen

Ready for
Work



Collaboration



Communication



Creativity



Critical Thinking

Learning Experience – When I Grow Up...



Ready for
Work

This half term, our learning experience is '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.

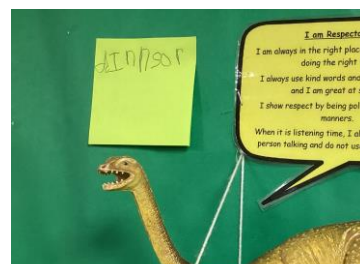
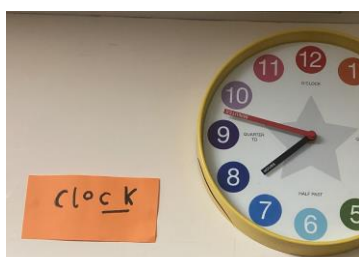
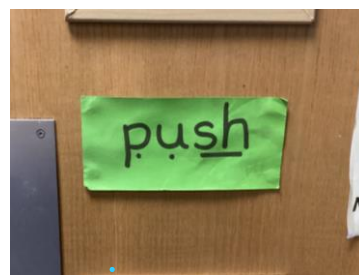
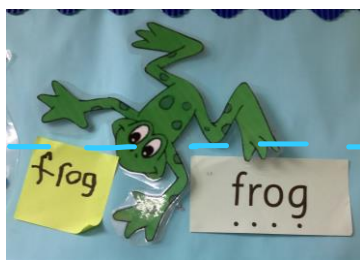
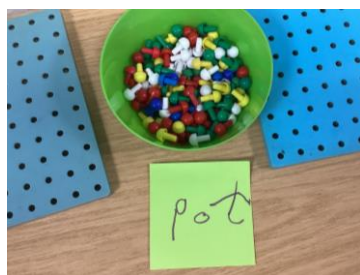
Today, we welcomed Mr Shepstone into class who talked about his job as a Postman. We were amazed to find out that he delivers around 600 letters a day! We talked about the special clothes that he has to wear; we found out that he wears a high-vis jacket with reflector strips on so that drivers can easily spot him when he is walking near the road.

We found out that Mr Shepstone uses the same school values as the children. He is **responsible** for the mail and in making sure that the post gets delivered to the right person. He is **determined** to deliver all of the post, even in cold or wet weather. We found out that Mr Shepstone is part of a large **team** of people who collect the mail, work in the sorting office, work in Post Offices and deliver the mail. He also told us how he is **independent** because he has to deliver the letters on his round all by himself. Sometimes he has to be **creative** if he is not able to deliver a parcel and he might have to think of a different way to get the parcel to the customer. He uses **respect** by treating the post with care and in being polite to the customers that he meets on his rounds. We talked about how we are learning what each of the school values mean so that we can use them to be good citizens in school, the local community, and in the workplace. Thank you, Mr Shepstone!



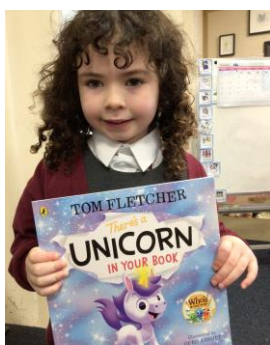
Writing

This week the children have been labelling objects in our classroom. They wrote words on sticky notes and then put them next to that item. They labelled some of our toys and pictures, e.g. mat, log. In the bathroom they have written 'tap' and 'hot'. Some children have been writing words with digraphs (special friends) in them, for example on the door they wrote 'push' and 'pull', they also wrote the word 'clock'. The children found it very exciting to walk around the classrooms sticking their labels on different things.



Reading for Pleasure – Children's Choice

This is a reminder that your child can bring in one of their favourite books from home to share with their 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. We may keep the book in school for a few days, so please be patient. We look forward to sharing a love of reading.



Lego Discovery Programme



We are always looking for ways to innovate our curriculum. The First Lego League Discover programme is an exciting and innovative STEM project (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), which has been very successful over the past few years.

We will be running the sessions over 10 weeks. Over the course of these lessons, children will think and behave like engineers. They will work in small groups to explore, design, create and evaluate their models. They will be using skills to communicate, problem solve, take risks, and pose questions. This links very well with our school values of Teamwork, Determination and Creativity.

The theme this year is called 'Boomtown Build'. The children will explore concepts in architecture — including accessibility, environmentally friendliness, and durability. They will design buildings for different purposes, that can be used by different people.

Home learning. In preparation for the Lego Discovery programme starting next week, we ask if you could take a walk in the local community to look at some of the different buildings and talk about what they are used for. If possible, take pictures of the buildings and send them via Seesaw or email them to foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk We will use these images during our sessions.

This week, we had an introductory session where Puffins and Penguins explored the Lego Duplo sets. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and are excited to do it again next week.



Save the Date - Parent workshop

We would like to invite you to a short demonstration and information session on **Thursday 1st February at 2.40pm**. We would like to share the many benefits of the First Lego League Discover programme and how the learning can be continued at home. At the end of the session, you will be able to take home a free Duplo gift to use at home with your child. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the class teacher.



We are committed to improve the oral health and well-being of young children, which is why we are so passionate about the NHS toothbrushing scheme, 'Big Brush Club'. The scheme was previously called the 'Brush Bus' but has recently been redeveloped.

It is essential for children to understand the importance of keeping their teeth clean and becoming more independent. We are pleased to say that we have secured funding for the programme to continue in school this year.

Children in Foundation will brush their teeth after lunch in school. They will be supervised by an adult and have their own toothbrush stored in a rack. They brush their teeth to a special song for 2 minutes. All staff follow the NHS guidelines and are trained by the programme facilitators.

We will be starting the programme this term. A Dental Nurse will be visiting school to introduce the programme with the children. Please click on the link to complete the consent form by **Friday 19th January** for your child to participate <https://forms.office.com/e/CWRR1drUXn>

It would be wonderful if all children were able to participate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Baby Photos

As part of our learning experience, we will be making simple timelines. Thank you to those who have already provided a baby photo of your child. If you have not yet done so, please could you send in the photograph of your child by the beginning of next week as we will be starting to create their individual timelines. You can either send in a physical photograph and we can take a copy, or you could send a photo via Seesaw, or e-mail it to us at foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk

REMINDER ABOUT 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 book shelf. You could include a photo and detail your job and the role you have. You could write about our 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 email to foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk or Seesaw. Thank you for your support.

Home Learning

- Enjoy listening to this week's story 'Stickman' by Julia Donaldson on Seesaw.
- Check your child's book bag or on Seesaw for phonics activities and reading.
- Send in a **baby picture** (via Seesaw or e-mail foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk or send in an actual photograph).
- **Parents' jobs.** PARENTS – Remember you have home learning as well (details above).
- **Children's choice book.** 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.
- **Take a walk to look at different buildings and talk about what they are used for.** Take a photo and post it via Seesaw or e-mail to foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk
- Use post-its or small pieces of paper to write **labels** of things around your house.

Diary dates:

- **Thursday 1st February 2.40pm.** Parent workshop for the 'First Lego League Discover programme'.
- **Friday 19th January.** Please complete the 'Big Brush Club' consent form by this date.

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