



Unit 2 (Years 1 & 2) Newsletter Spring 2 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 now **Tuesday**, 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.

Our home learning projects will also be available on Teams: Research and find your favourite painting by Van Gogh or Lowry, write a short explanation of why you like it. Have a go at reproducing a Van Gogh or Lowry painting. Write a factfile about Van Gogh or Lowry's life. Make a timeline of Van Gogh or Lowry. Build a strong, stable house out of paper, wood or Lego bricks, explain how you made it stronger.

Dates to remember

Parents Meetings—Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February 3.30—6.30pm

Artist visitor in Unit 2—26, 27 & 28th February

Rev Bray to visit Unit 2—29th February

FOPPS Mothers Day shop—Wednesday 6th March

World Book Day celebrations—Friday 8th March

Red Nose Day—Friday 15th March

Rock Up and Read—Thursday 21st March

World Down Syndrome Day (colourful socks) - Thursday 21st March

Last day of term—Thursday 28th March

First day of Summer Term—Monday 15th April

Maths

In Year 1 we will be moving on to learning about the place value of numbers up to 40 and then using them to add and subtract. We will then begin to learn about simple multiplication and division problems and simple fractions.

In Year 2 we are going to be continuing learning about measure then moving on to 2D and 3D shapes and money.

School Value



This half term, we are learning about Teamwork by collaborating on our DT projects and learning about taking turns, sharing resources and helping each other to achieve a goal.

British Value



This half term, in our Class Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the British Value of Individual Liberty, by understanding how to make healthy choices for ourselves.

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 **Art—How does Art change over time? We will compare and contrast the art of Van Gogh and Lowry**. The Knowledge Organiser is attached. Please use it to reinforce and repeat the learning at home.

Short Enquiries

A short enquiry lasts four lessons and adds breadth to our curriculum.

Our short enquiry will have a **Design and Technology focus—Structures, How can structures be made stronger, stiffer and more stable?** This will be linked to the story of the Three Little Pigs.

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/>. 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.

We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. Please encourage your child to dress up as a favourite book character and bring in a copy of their favourite book to share with their friends.

Parents and carers are invited to share a book with their child are our Rock Up and Read session at 2:45pm on Thursday 21st March.

Literacy

Our literacy sequence based on Augustus and his Smile will continue. We will write our own story based on this text.

Later in the half term we will be reading a non-fiction text about Chinese New Year. The children will then write their own non-fiction piece on Easter and Christmas celebrations.