



Preston Primary



Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

Friday 22nd March 2024

Love to
Learn

Be a Good
Citizen

Ready for
Work



Collaboration



Communication



Creativity



Critical Thinking

Learning Experience – Once Upon a Time...

Over the past few weeks, we have been discovering the wonderful world of traditional tales by exploring the following:

- 1. Know some traditional tales and be able to retell the stories through mapping and performance.**
- 2. Understand the role of authors and illustrators.**
- 3. Understand the structure of a story and common principal characters. Develop confidence in storytelling.**
- 4. What are fiction and non-fiction books?**

This week the children have been using drama to retell traditional tales. They worked in teams to decide roles, explore vocabulary, and navigate the environment. It has been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence to participate in the activity. It can be a challenge for some children to articulate and project their voice. It is important to give all children the opportunity to explore 'presentational talk'. This is where children must think about the audience they are presenting to and adjust the volume and expression of their voice. We want children to understand that every voice is valued. They had lots of fun retelling the traditional tales.



PE

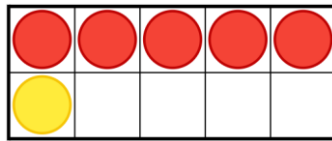
Over the past couple of weeks, the children have taken part in two activities. On the field they practiced skills in controlling a ball. They used their hands to push and roll a ball and then had to stop the ball by using different parts of their body. In the hall, the children were practicing the skills of balancing, moving, and climbing. They followed a circuit of apparatus which enabled them to balance and move in different ways. They also climbed over the agility tables demonstrating how they can manage risk and move safely.

We have been very impressed with the children's determination to improve their skills.



Maths

In maths we have been exploring number six. We explored arranging 6 counters in different arrangements, e.g. in a line, in a 6 dice pattern. We then tried to put the counters in a five frame – but we had a problem! There wasn't enough space to fit them all in! This led to lots of discussions around why they couldn't fit all the counters in and how 6 is more than 5. We then realised that we needed a frame with more space, so we switched our five frame for a ten frame. When we placed the counters in this time, the children noticed some things, 'I can see a 5 part and a 1 part', '6 is 1 more than 5', 'I know that it is a 6 because I can subitise the 5 and there is 1 extra.'



50th Anniversary of Preston Primary

Next Thursday we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Preston Primary. We will be looking back to when the school first opened and talking about the timeline of our school. If you have any members of your family that are past pupils of Preston Primary, it would be lovely to receive a photo of them in their uniform to share with the children next week. This could be back in 1974 or more recently. Please send any photos via Seesaw.

Lego Discovery – Celebration Event



This week was the last Lego Discovery session. It was a celebration of learning. We all came together in groups to create our own town. They were challenged to create a building or vehicle that they would like to add to our new town. The children reflected on previous designs and used one another's ideas to innovate. We put all their creations together to make one big town. It was amazing!

We are so proud of how the children have been using their school values during Lego Discovery. We talked about the skills they have been using for teamwork and how they can use these in other areas of their learning and in the future. The children were presented with a celebratory certificate. Well done Puffins and Penguins.



Theatre Trip – Wednesday 27th March



Below are some reminders for the day:

- **COACH.** We will be leaving school at 8.50am. **Due to the early start, we will ask you to bring your child in early at 8.30am**, so that we can register, toilet your child, check lunches, and be ready to board and leave on time. A reminder will be sent nearer the day. (If your child is in Breakfast club that day, we will make sure that they have eaten breakfast, and we will collect them from the hall and bring them to the classroom.)
- **LUNCH TIME ARRANGEMENTS.** The Theatre have provided us with a wonderful space to eat our lunch. After the performance, children will eat their lunch at the theatre. **Please supply a packed lunch and drink for your child** in a small named bag or lunch box. Alternatively, you can order a packed lunch from the school kitchen by ordering any lunch on the Aspens site - the kitchen staff will then provide a packed lunch to your child on the morning of the trip.
- **COLLECTION.** Collection will be from the playground at 3:15pm as normal. If your child is in After-school club that day, we will bring them to the hall as usual.



WHAT TO WEAR.	Usual school uniform. Please bring a coat.
WHAT TO BRING.	Packed lunch and a drink.
WHAT TIME?	Please arrive at school at 8:30am.



Rock Up and Read



Thank you for attending our 'Rock up and Read' session this week. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying reading. The children were excited to share some of their favourite books. It is always a pleasure inviting you into school, the children enjoy sharing their learning.

We will be holding another 'Rock up and Read' event next term.



Home Learning

- Enjoy listening to this week's story, on Seesaw.
- Check your child's book bag or on Seesaw for phonics activities and reading.

Diary dates

- **Wednesday 27th March** – Trip to Theatre Royal Plymouth to see 'The 3 Little Pigs'.
- **Thursday 28th March** – Last day of term before the Easter holidays.
- **Monday 15th April** – First day of Summer term.

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