

Unit 3 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2024

Key Dates:

Key dates as follows:

- Sparrows Sports Festival – 28.11.2024
- Rock Up and Read – 02.12.2024 2:45pm.
- Eco Committee Christmas jumper swap – 02.12.2024
- FOPPS Christmas Event – 13.12.2024 3:15pm. (Non Uniform day)
- Unit 3 Carol Service – 16.12.2024, 6–7pm at St Paul’s Church, Preston.
- Whole school Christmas lunch – 18.12.2024 (please order on Arbor)
- Unit Christmas parties (Christmas tops/jumpers) 19.12.2024

School Values:



This half term, in our Values Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the value of **responsibility** and how **taking responsibility for our learning and behaviour** can help develop us as good citizens for the future in all aspects of our lives. We will be supporting children to take responsibility for their learning as well as their own well-being including friendships and making the right choices.

Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring two texts.

The first text is Poetry Pie by Roger McGough. This is a delightful collection of funny poems written about all kinds of different topics. The children will perform poetry to their classes, focusing on expression and then have a go at writing their own poem to perform. Then, children will write an explanation text based on How Santa Really Works by Alan Snow. They will focus on the use of conjunctions for explanation and how to set out a non-fiction text effectively using sub-headings and paragraphs.



Enquiry Subjects:

Our Long Enquiry this half term is Geography where we will be exploring the enquiry question: ‘How do people choose where to live?’. To explore this question, the children will be learning about the human and physical geographical features of the United Kingdom while posing their own questions about locations. We will be comparing an area of the United Kingdom to an area of the Alps to find similarities and differences between living conditions.

Our Short Enquiry this half term is Music where we will be experimenting with composition using glockenspiels. Children will have a go at composing music with peers and develop the skills of improvisation and creativity.

Maths:



This half term the children will be continuing their learning about the four operations, beginning with addition before moving on to subtraction. Year 3s will be renaming ones and tens using the formal method using 3-digit numbers, and Year 4s will rename ones, tens and hundreds using the formal method for 4-digit numbers. Children will continue to use manipulatives to support their concrete understanding of addition and subtraction before moving on to solving word problems. Children will continue to practice times tables, and we kindly ask that you support them with this at home.

Reading:

In school, we encourage all children to read daily. 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 an inquisitive nature about books. It is also beneficial for children to hear you read aloud to them regularly to help develop and maintain a love for reading. Modelling your own love of reading can really help your child’s reading progress.

PE:

This half term we will be developing our gymnastics skills.

Our PE days are:

- Starlings: Tuesday.
- Swifts: Tuesday
- Sparrows: Wednesday.

Home Learning:

To support your child’s learning at home we request that you:

- Read for 15 minutes a day
- Practise times tables on Times Tables Rockstars
- Practise weekly spellings
- Long Enquiry Project: Research an area of the United Kingdom that you would like to visit. What features of human geography are there? What natural geography is there? Do people like to visit? Why? Further details on Teams.



Contact Us:

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/](https://www.preston.torbay.sch.uk/)