

Unit 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2024

Key Dates:

Key dates as follows:

- Christmas jumper swap – Mon 2nd Dec
- Rock up and Read – Thurs 5th Dec 2.45pm
- KS1 Nativity – Weds 11th Dec 9.30am & 2.30pm
- FOPPS Christmas Event + non uniform day – Fri 13th Dec
- Whole school Christmas lunch (please order on Arbor) – Weds 18th Dec
- Unit parties (Christmas tops/jumpers) – Thurs 19th Dec
- Last day of term – Fri 20th Dec

School Values:

This half term, in our Values Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the value of **responsibility** and how we can show **responsibility** by taking care with our learning and looking after our classroom environment. We are also thinking about looking after our friends and others.



Literacy:

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

The first text is No-Bot by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. The children will be writing their own story based on this one. To achieve this the children will be learning to write simple coherent narratives that make sense.

The second text is The Slime Book by KK. The children will be learning how to write instructions. They will learn to use time adverbials to put instructions in order.



Enquiry Subjects:

Our Long Enquiry this half term is Geography where we will be exploring the enquiry question: 'How is Banjul different to London?'. To explore this question, we will find out about the countries in the UK and the capital cities and the country of The Gambia and its capital Banjul.

Our Short Enquiry this half term is Music where we will be exploring the enquiry question: 'How do we compose Music?' To explore this question, the children will be working together to create music. They will learn about the pulse, the rhythm and playing as an ensemble.

Maths:

This half term the children will be learning about addition and subtraction of numbers up to 100 for year 2s and addition and subtraction of numbers up to 20 for year 1s. The children will learn to add single digit numbers by counting on and using their knowledge of number bonds. They will use what they know to help them add multiples of ten, add single digits to a two-digit number and the corresponding subtractions.



Reading:

In school, we encourage all children to read daily. RWInc books will come home on a Friday; the children will have gained experience reading these books at school and will enjoy reading to you with their 'storytellers voice'. We expect children to read at home daily to encourage fluency and expressive reading aloud.

Our children who have graduated from RWInc join a guided reading class. 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 develop 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 learning about dance.

Our PE days are:

- Snowy Owls: Friday.
- Little Owls: Monday
- Tawny Owls: 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: find out about London's landmarks, design a poster labelling the four countries in the UK, draw the flags of the 4 countries in the UK, make a factfile about The Gambia.



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/)