



Unit 2 (Years 1 & 2) Newsletter Autumn 1 2022

Swimming and Woodland camp

Little Owls and Snowy Owls swimming day is Monday
Tawny Owls swimming day is Tuesday
Remember to bring swimming costume, towel/robie, flip flops/jelly shoes, swimming hat.

Please bring in a pair of wellies in a bag to stay in school for your child to use in the woodland camp.
Our woodland camp day is Monday.

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 project will be set on Teams, please see your child's home-school link books for the logins.

They also have access to lots of apps to help their learning at home. These logins are also on their password sheet.

Addition apps to support learning.

Children have access to many apps, including TT Rockstars, Sumdog, Spelling shed, Math shed, MyOn, Letterjoin, and Oxford Owls. Please let your children practice on these apps during the week, as part of their home learning.

School Value



This half term, we are learning about Respect, and how respect for others helps build the warm, welcoming, and calm atmosphere in school.

British Value



This half term, in our Class Assemblies, we are learning about the British Value of Democracy by electing our School Council, to help our school become even better.

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.

Short Enquiries

A short enquiry can last anything from 1 – 3 days and adds breadth to our curriculum.

Our first Learning Enquiry this term is Geography, 'How is Banjul different to London?' and the Knowledge Organiser is attached. Please use it to reinforce and repeat the learning at home.

Our short enquiry will have a DT focus: can we make a bridge which can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable to hold three Billy goats?

Maths—In Year 1 we will be revisiting the children's reception experiences and focusing on counting within 100 in different ways.

In year 2 we will be learning about the place value of numbers 10 to 100.

Literacy

Our literacy is linked to a text, 'Don't Spill the Milk'. The children will write a similar story about a journey carrying a vessel trying not to spill any.

Later in the half term we will be exploring a poetry book called 'What I like' and writing our own poetry based on sounds we hear outside.

Messages

We have been so impressed with how amazingly the children have returned to school this September. 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.

Dates to remember

School closed for State Funeral -Monday 19th September
Tempest Photography Individual Pupil Photos—Friday 23rd September
Last day before half term - Friday 21st October
School returns after half term - Monday 7th November

School App

Our school app is the best way to get information about dates and events going on in the school. Search for 'School News' in your app store.