

Unit 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2025

Key Dates:

Key dates as follows:

- Parent Information Meeting – Tues 16th Sept 2.45pm
- Tempest photos – Mon 22nd Sept
- Year 1 Transition Parent Meeting – Mon 29th Sept 5pm
- KS1 English Workshop – Weds 15th Oct 5pm
- Book Look – Mon 20th Oct 2.45pm
- Disco/non-uniform & last day of half term – Thurs 23rd Oct
- Non-pupil day – 24th Oct
- Half term – 27th Oct–2nd Nov

School Values:

This half term, in our Values Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the value of **Respect** and how **Respect** for others helps build the warm, welcoming, and calm atmosphere in our school, but also how respect can help develop us as good citizens for the future in all aspects of our lives. This value links with our British Value of **mutual respect**, we respect others by celebrating our differences.

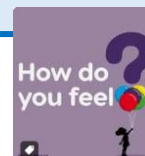


Literacy:

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

The first text is *How do you feel?* By Patrick George. The children will be learning to write simple sentences about their emotions. We will be focussing on composing a sentence, handwriting, and letter formation.

The second text is *Weather* by Steffi Cavell-Clarke. The children will be learning to write a non-fiction page for a non-fiction book.



Enquiry Subjects:

Our Enquiry subjects this half term are Geography, Design Technology, and Computing.

In Geography we will learn, **Why are some countries hot and others cold?** We will learn the 7 continents, the poles, and the equator, and compare similarities and differences between different parts of the world.

In DT we will answer the question **How can I make a moving picture?** We will use the design, make, evaluate model to create a purposeful, functional, and appealing product based on our design criteria.

In Computing we are learning **What technology is there around us?** The children will recognise technology that we use in school and at home.

Maths:

This half term the children will be learning place value of numbers and addition and subtraction. Year 2 children will learn to count to 100 and learn about the place value of those numbers up to 100, including ordering, finding the greatest and smallest, putting numbers on a number line, and partitioning into their tens and ones. Year 1s will learn about numbers to 10 and addition and subtraction of numbers to 10.

MATHS
NO PROBLEM!

Reading:

In school, we encourage all children to read daily. RWI 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 RWI 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 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 the fundamentals of PE and teamwork. Each class will have two PE lessons a week.

Our PE days are:

Snowy Owls: Monday & Friday.

Little Owls: Wednesday & Thursday

Tawny Owls: Tuesday & 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
- Enquiry Projects:
Create a moving picture.
Make a list of technology found at home.
Make a factfile about weather and seasons.



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/)