

Unit 3 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2025

Key Dates:

Key dates as follows:

- Mon 15th September – Year 3 Bikeability
- Thurs 18th September – 2:45pm Parent Information Meeting
- Mon 22nd September – Individual school photos
- Tues 30th Sept – 5pm KS2 English Parent Workshop
- Thurs 9th October – Swifts Sports Festival.
- Tues 21st October – 2:45pm Book look in classrooms.
- Thurs 23rd October – FOPPS Disco/non uniform 8 last day of half term.
- 27th Oct-2nd Nov – Half Term

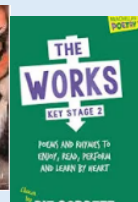
School Values:

This half term, in our Values Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the value of Respect and linking this to the British Value of Mutual Respect. Children will learn about what respect means and how it feels to both give and receive it. Through our assemblies, children will learn about what mutual respect is and how we can show it throughout our lives in our community.



Literacy:

In Literacy this half-term, we will be exploring creative writing and poetry. Children will recap the fundamental skills of writing including what makes a sentence, word classes and using description effectively to build a picture in the reader's mind. We will be looking at 'Lord of the Forest' by Caroline Pitcher and 'The Works' by Pie Corbett for the half term. Children will write a short story based on an animal in their habitat and will focus on the skills needed for performing poetry effectively.



Enquiry Subjects:

This half term children will study Geography, Design Technology, and Computing. Each subject will be taught once a week and will work towards the children being able to answer an enquiry question in each subject through the careful sequencing of small steps of learning. In Geography, children will be answering the question 'What are the human and physical features of Europe?'. They will study different capital cities and the important landmarks that draw tourists to them before then studying physical features including mountains and rivers.

In Design Technology, children will be designing and making a toy car, answering the question 'How can toy vehicles move?'.

In Computing, children will be answering the question 'How are computers connected?'. To answer this, children will learn about how digital devices work, the different ways they can be connected, and how our school devices are connected to each other to enable the system to work efficiently.

Maths:

Maths is taught in separate year groups so your child may move classrooms and teachers for this lesson. In Year 3 children will learn about the place value of 3-digit numbers and counting up to 1000 in different multiples. They will understand and calculate with ones, tens, and hundreds. In Year 4, children will learn the place value of 4-digit numbers and to count up to 10,000 in different multiples. They will also order and compare numbers up to 10,000 and learn to count in multiples of 25 and 50.

MATHS
NO PROBLEM!

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 Yoga and Tag Rugby skills. Yoga will be indoors, and Tag Rugby will be outside-please pack a coat!

Our PE days are:

- Sparrows: Tuesday and Thursday.
- Starlings: Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Swifts: Monday and Wednesday.

Home Learning:

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

- Read for 15 minutes a day and quiz on AR.
- Practise times tables on Times Tables Rockstars **daily**
- Practise spellings
- Enquiry Project: As part of our geography learning, we would like children to choose a European country and focus their research on all aspects of it. They could create a poster, a PowerPoint presentation, a model of a landmark, or even experiment with cooking national dishes. 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/)