

# Unit 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2025

## Key Dates:

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept-Unit 4 parent information meeting in the hall- 2:45pm
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept- Tempest photos
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept- KS2 English parent workshop- 5-6pm
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct- Hawks Sports festival
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct- Unit 4 soup tasting outcome and book look-2:45pm in the hall
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - FOPPS disco/non-uniform day & last day of term
- 27<sup>th</sup> Oct-2<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Half Term

## School Values:

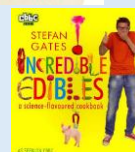
This half term, in our Values Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the value of **Respect**. Respect for others helps build the warm, welcoming, and calm atmosphere in our school, but also how respect can help develop us as good citizens for the future in all aspects of our lives. This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



## Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring two texts. The first text is 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. The children will be learning how to write their own narrative letter from a stationery item in the classroom. To achieve this, the children will be learning to include expanded noun phrases and writing with an informal tone.

The second text is 'Incredible edibles' by Stefan Gates. The children will be writing an instructional recipe. To achieve this, the children will be learning to include adverbials and prepositional phrases. They will also be exploring the layout features of a recipe.



## Enquiry Subjects:

This half term the 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, the children will be exploring the question, '**What is a natural disaster?**'. The children will be exploring tectonic plates, earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis. In Computing, the children will be exploring the question '**How are websites made?**'. Within this enquiry, the children will be learning how create webpages to create a website of their own. In DT, we will be exploring the question '**How can I make an ethically sourced and seasonal dish?**'. The children will be exploring seasonality and ethically sourced ingredients to create their own soup.



## Maths:

This half term, Year 6 will be learning about place value and the four operations. Year 5 will be learning about place value and addition and subtraction.

## 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 learning about Yoga & Tag Rugby.

Our PE days are:

- Kestrels- Monday and Friday.
- Hawks- Monday and Thursday.
- Eagles- Tuesday and Thursday.

## 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 a natural disaster and produce a fact file/ poster.



## Contact Us:

Please continue to contact the school office by email [admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk](mailto: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/)