

Unit 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2025

Key Dates:

- Parents evening – Tues 11th & Thurs 13th Nov
- Children in Need – Fri 14th Nov
- FOPPS Elfridges Shop – Thurs 4th Dec
- Christmas jumper swap – Mon 8th Dec
- KS1 Nativity – Weds 10th Dec – 9.30am and 2.30pm
- FOPPS Christmas Market & Non-Uniform Day – Fri 12th Dec
- Christmas lunch – Weds 17th Dec
- Rock Up & Read – Thurs 18th Dec 2.50pm
- Unit Christmas Parties – Thurs 18th Dec
- Last day of term – Fri 19th 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 all be responsible for ourselves and the environment but also how we can take responsibility for our decisions. This value links with our British Value of **Individual liberty**, where we take responsibility for our beliefs and decisions.



Literacy:

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

The first text is *Oi Frog!* By Kes Gray. The children will be learning to write sentences with rhyming words. We will be focussing on composing a sentence, handwriting and letter formation.

The second text is *I love Bugs* by Emma Dodd. The children will be writing a descriptive poem. The children will learn to use expanded noun phrases to create a clear picture for the reader.



Enquiry Subjects:

Our Enquiry subjects this half term are History, Art, and Music.

In **History** we will answer the enquiry question, Why do we have bonfire night on the 5th November? The children will demonstrate their learning through a puppet show retelling the story of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.

Our **Art** enquiry will answer the question, How can I create a portrait using line? We will focus on the skills involved in drawing and the children will create their own self portrait using line.

For **Music** we will be using the glockenspiels to help us answer the question, Can you hear the pulse, rhythm and pitch in the music?

MATHS
NO PROBLEM!

Maths:

Year 2 are beginning the half term by finishing off their learning on subtraction, including renaming and word problems. They will then move on to multiply and divide by 2, 5 and 10. TTRS is a great tool to support your child with multiplying and dividing. Year 1s will learn about positional language, then numbers to 20 and addition and subtraction of numbers to 20.

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 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 and ball skills. Each class will have two PE slots a week:

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 Project:
- Create a portrait of someone in your family or yourself.
- Make a musical instrument from junk.
- Make a factfile about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot.
- Create a firework picture.



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 <http://www.preston.torbay.sch.uk/>