

Unit 4 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2025

Key Dates:

- **Parents Evening**– Tues 11th and Thurs 13th Nov
- **Children in Need** – Fri 14th Nov
- **FOPPS Elfridges shop** – Thurs 4th Dec
- **Christmas Jumper swap**– Mon 8th Dec
- **FOPPS Christmas market & Non-Uniform Day**–Fri 12th Dec
- **Rock Up and Read**– Tues 16th Dec
- **Unit 4 Carol Service at St Pauls**– Tues 16th Dec, 6–7pm
- **Christmas lunch**–Weds 17th Dec
- **Unit Christmas parties**–Thurs 18th Dec

School Values:

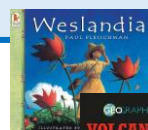
This half term, in our Values Assemblies, we are learning about **Responsibility**. We all need to be responsible for our own actions and ensure we are making thoughtful choices. This helps us to Be Good Citizens and contribute to our school and local community. This links to our British Value of **Individual liberty**. This value is about having the freedom to make choices and understanding that freedom comes with responsibility – to make safe, respectful, and positive decisions that do not harm others.



Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring two texts. The first text is *Weslandia* by Paul Fleischman. The children will be learning how to write their own narratives. To achieve this the children will learn to include dialogue in their writing, and adverbials to create an atmosphere.

The second text is *Volcanoes* by Izzi Howell. The children will be learning how to write their own informative text. To do this the children will be exploring the parenthesis for extra information and relative clauses.



Enquiry Subjects:

This half term the children will study History, Music, and Art.

In **History** children will be asking the enquiry question: 'Why do we remember the 11th November?'. To explore this, the children will be learning about World War One and what life was like in the trenches.

In **Music** children will be asking the enquiry question: 'How is digital music different to live music?' Children will be using musical instruments on GarageBand and comparing this to live music.

In **Art** we will be asking the enquiry question: 'How can I create a portrait to show mood?'. The children will be exploring portraits by Picasso and the use of tone and colour to show mood.

Maths:

This half term the Year 6 children will be learning about fractions where the children will learn to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions. The Year 5 children will be learning about multiplying and dividing 3- and 4-digit numbers.



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 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 for indoor PE and Netball for outdoor PE.

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: Create a poster or leaflet about World War 1 or World War 2. You could include key facts and why it is important to remember the soldiers who fought.



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/](http://www.preston.torbay.sch.uk/)