

Unit 3 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2025

Key Dates:

- Tues 11th & Thurs 13th Nov – Parents Evening
- Fri 14th Nov – Children in Need
- Thurs 4th Dec – FOPPS Elfridges Shop
- Mon 8th Dec – Christmas jumper swap
- Fri 12th Dec – FOPPS Christmas Market & Non-Uniform Day
- Mon 15th Dec – Carol Service at St Pauls Church, 6pm
- Weds 17th Dec – Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Weds 17th Dec – Rock Up and Read at 2:50pm
- Thurs 18th Dec – Unit Christmas Parties

School Values:

This half term, in our Values Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the value of **Responsibility** and linking this to the British Value of **Individual Liberty**. In assembly, children will learn that we all have the freedom to make choices, but these come with responsibility. Ways to be responsible include making thoughtful choices, thinking about the impact of their choices, and contributing positively to their community.



Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring creative writing and explanation texts. We will be looking at 'Dare to Care: Pet Dragon' by MP Robertson and 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs. Children will write an explanation text about how to care for an animal, using sub-headings, and conjunctions to form multi clause sentences and adverbials of time. They will also write a new version of The Snowman where there is a new adventure taking place, focusing on how to draw their reader in using a range of devices including adjectives.



Enquiry Subjects:

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

In **History**, children will be answering the question 'Why did the Anglo Saxons and Scots settle in Britain?'. They will study different source materials and begin to think like Historians to use evidence to make a judgement. They will learn about Britain after the Romans left in 410AD.

In **Art**, children will be learning about the art of Pablo Picasso, and they will create their own self portrait, learning the skill of tone to add interest and depth to their pieces. They will be able to answer, 'How can I create a portrait using tone?'. In **Music**, children will be answering the question 'What is a musical structure?'. Children will learn to name different parts of songs including the chorus and will learn to keep to the pulse and beat of the music. They will perform songs on glockenspiels.

Maths:

In Year 3 children will learn to add and subtract using the column method for 3-digit numbers. This will include renaming ones and tens. They will rely on their understanding of place value. In Year 4, children will learn to use mental methods for addition and subtraction before moving on to using the column method for subtraction. All children will need to practise their times tables, with Year 3 focusing on 2,3,4 and 5, and Year 4 focusing on 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 tables.



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 developing our Dance and Netball skills. Dance will be indoors, and Netball will be outside. Please remember 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 history learning, we would like children to research the Anglo Saxons and find out as much as they can about what their daily life was like. They can present this information in any format they choose - PowerPoint, posters, leaflets, or an information text.



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/)