

# Unit 2 Spring 1 Newsletter 2026

## Key Dates:

- Tawny Owls Sports Festival – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Unit 2 Book Look – Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.45pm
- Non-uniform day & Disco – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Last day of term – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Back to school – Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

**Food Safety:** We kindly request that parents and carers do not send food to school for snacks or lunches that contains nuts. This includes: All types of nuts, spreads and sandwich fillings containing nuts like peanut butter and Nutella, cereal or chocolate bars, cakes, or biscuits which contain nuts. Thank you for your consideration.

## School Values:



This half term, the school value we are explicitly teaching is Independence. We teach children how to work independently by overcoming obstacles through perseverance and resilience. In school, we build resilience by celebrating mistakes, as making mistakes is how we learn.

In our assemblies, we will be linking Independence to the British Value of Individual Liberty. We will teach children how Independence nurtures the ability to make informed choices, how people have the freedom to decide their path in life, and how Independence encourages pupils to take ownership of their actions.



## Literacy:

This half term, the children will start off more exploring non-chronological writing by exploring the book 'Reptiles' by Angela Royston. The children will focus on writing complete and sequences sentences. They will also be looking at including conjunctions to join clauses. Additionally, they will be labelling images by using adjectives and expanded noun phrases.

Later in the half term, the children will explore the narrative 'Augustus and His New Smile' by Catherine Rayner. The children will focus on structuring and sequencing narrative writing, the different uses of capital letters, and continue developing their knowledge of conjunctions.



## Enquiry Subjects:

Our Enquiry subjects this half term are Geography, DT, and Computing.

In **Geography** we will answer the enquiry question, How do different climates affect how you live? The children will demonstrate their learning through a double page spread in a non-fiction text style.

Our **DT** enquiry will answer the question, How can we make a healthy, tasty drink? We will focus on the skills involved in cooking and nutrition and the children will design and make their own smoothie.

For **Computing** we will be using the iPads and BeeBots to help us answer the question, How do robots move?



## Maths:

Year 2 are beginning the half-term by learning about division they will then move on to measuring length and mass. Year 1's will learn about addition and subtraction of numbers to 20, properties of shape and measuring length and height.

## 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 gymnastics and invasion games. Each class will have 2 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: find out where fruit and vegetables come from.
- Help chop up fruit and vegetables for tea.
- Label a map of the UK with countries and capital cities.
- Label Kenya on a map of Africa.



## 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/>