

Unit 4 Spring 1 Newsletter 2026

Key Dates:

- Young Voices (Choir trip) - 15th and 16th January
- Dawlish Warren Trip - 21st and 22nd January
- Kestrels Sports Festival - 22nd January
- South Devon Marine Engineering - 29th January
- South Devon STEM - 9th February
- Unit 4 book look - 10th February at 2:45pm
- Disco and non uniform day - 13th February
- Children return to school - 23rd February

School Values:

This half term, we are learning about Independence. The children will be encouraged to have a go at activities that they find difficult and solve problems in their own unique way. We are linking this to our British Value of 'Individual liberty' and how we can make our own choices.



Literacy:

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

The first text is 'Great Adventurers' by Alastair Humphreys. The children will be learning how to write their own hybrid text. To achieve this, the children will include different verb forms and be aware of the formality of their writing.

The second text is 'A Word in Your Ear' by Tony Ross. The children will be writing a narrative about moving to a new house. To achieve this, the children will be learning to character and setting descriptions as well as creating an atmosphere in their narrative.



Enquiry Subjects:

In **Geography** this half term, the children will be learning about how coastlines change over time. To explore this, they will be learning about coastal features, erosion, and how coastal landscapes can be protected.

In **DT** this half term, the children will be learning about how computer-aided design can be used to solve practical problems. To explore this, the children will be using the programme Tinker-Cad to design a coastal flooding defence for Torbay.

In **Computing** this half term, the children will be learning about how they can use lines and shapes to create a digital image. To do this, they will be using Microsoft PowerPoint to create vector drawings.



Maths:

This half term, in maths, year 6s will be learning about decimals, percentages, ratio and algebra. Year 5s will be learning about graphs and fractions.

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 Outdoor Adventurous Activities and Gymnastics

Our PE days are:

- Kestrels: Monday & Friday
- Hawks: Monday & Thursday
- Eagles: Tuesday & 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: Explore Microsoft PowerPoint at home to see how lines and shapes can be used to create drawings.



We kindly request that parents and carers do not send any 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, chocolate bars, cakes, or biscuits which contain nuts

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, or check the school website which has lots of useful information.