



Unit 2 Spring 2 Newsletter 2026

Key Dates:

- Tues 3rd & Thurs 5th March – Parents evenings 3.30 – 6.30pm
- Fri 6th March – World Book Day celebrations
- Mon 9th March – Torquay Museum trip
- Thurs 12th March – FOPPS Mothers Day shop
- Fri 20th March – Cricket Development Day
- Fri 20th March – Comic Relief & World Down Syndrome Day
- Tues 31st March – Tempest Photography class photos
- Thurs 2nd April – Rock Up and Read at 2:50pm
- Mon 20th April – Back to school



School Values:



This half term, our focus School Value is Teamwork. We will be supporting children to develop the skills needed to make positive contributions to group discussions, including effective speaking and listening, encouraging and motivating others, and understanding the importance of compromise.

In assemblies, we will link Teamwork to the British Value of Mutual Respect, helping children recognise the importance of kindness, politeness, and celebrating differences when sharing and listening to others' ideas and opinions. We will also explore how Teamwork is a vital life skill that prepares children for the future, connecting directly to our School Aim of Ready for Work.

Literacy:

This half term, the children will start off by exploring letter writing by looking at the book 'Stella and the Seagull' by Georgina Stevens. The children will focus on writing formal letters with a persuasive style. Later in the half term, the children will explore the narrative 'The Three Little Pigs' by Mara Alperin. 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 History, Music, and Art.

In **History** we will answer the enquiry question, Why did Percy Fawcett go to America? The children will demonstrate their learning through a character profile of Percy Fawcett. Our **Music** enquiry will answer the question, What is an orchestra? We will focus on the skills of playing long and short notes on the glockenspiel. For **Art** we will answer the question, How can I create a relief pattern? We will explore printing through a study of the artist Sarah Joe Qinuajua.

Maths:



Year 2 are beginning the half term by learning about 2D and 3D shapes then will move onto learning about money. Year 1's will learn about place value of numbers to 40 then addition and subtraction to 40 and multiplication as repeated addition.

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 target games. Our PE days are:

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 Projects: fact file about Percy Fawcett, find and label the amazon rainforest on the map. Create some artwork with potato printing or relief potato printing. Listen to some orchestral music – what instruments can you hear? Write a list of the instruments in an orchestra.



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, chocolate bars, cakes, or biscuits which contain nuts. Thank you for your consideration.

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/)