

Unit 3 Spring 2 Newsletter 2026

Key Dates:

Tues 3rd & Thurs 5th March – Parents Evenings 3:30–6:30pm
 Fri 6th March – World Book Day celebrations
 Thurs 12th March – FOPPS Mothers Day shop
 Tues 17th March – Year 4 Residential parent meeting 3:20pm
 Fri 13th March– Cricket Development Day
 Fri 20th March – Comic Relief & World Down Syndrome Day
 Fri 27th March – Trip to Exeter museum
 Tues 31st March – Tempest Photography class photos
 Tues 31st March – Rock Up and Read, 2:50pm in classrooms



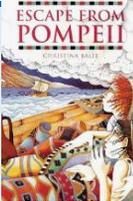
School Values:



This half term, in our Values Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the value of Teamwork and linking this to the British Value of Mutual Respect. We will support children in understanding the contributions they can have to a team in a respectful manner. Children will understand the importance of compromise, motivating and encouraging others, and celebrating difference. This links to our School Aim of ‘Ready for Work’.

Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring creative writing focusing on *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. This book ties in with our History enquiry and allows children to explore narratives set in the past. Children will focus on creating more complex sentences, using a range of adverbials to describe time, place, and manner, and a range of more complex conjunctions bringing in their knowledge of expanded noun phrases. They will write their own escape from Pompeii adventure story.



Enquiry Subjects:

This half term, children will study History, Art, and Music. Each subject will be taught once a week and will work towards the children being able to answer an enquiry question in each subject through the careful sequencing of small steps of learning. In **Art**, children will be learning how to make a mono print using ink and rollers. They will study the texture of the environment around us and create their own unique print in the style of British artist John Piper. In **History**, children will be answering the question ‘How did the Romans change Britain?’. They will learn about the achievements of the Roman Empire in Britain and enjoy a trip to the RAMM museum in Exeter to discover the primary Roman sources there. In **Music**, children will be answering the question ‘How can music change the way you feel?’ and learn about different ways that music impacts our emotions. They will record a performance to share with you on Seesaw Home Link.

Maths:



Maths is taught in separate year groups so your child may move classrooms for this lesson. In Year 3, children will be learning to calculate with fractions. This will involve recognising fractions up to tenths and using simple addition and subtraction to solve fractions problems. In Year 4, children will be learning further calculating with fractions. They will simplify proper and improper fractions. Children will also learn about different types of graphs.

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 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 Outdoor Adventurous Activities. Dance will be indoors, and Outdoor Activities will be outside. Please pack 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 homework, we would like children to research the Roman Empire and find a part of it that truly interests them. This could be fashion, religion, or anything they can find! They will need to present this information in a fun way to share with their class.



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

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/)