

Unit 4 Spring 2 Newsletter 2026

Key Dates:

- **Parents Evening**- 3rd and 5th March
- **World Book Day celebrations** - 6th March
- **FOPPS Mother's Day Shop**- 12th March
- **Cricket Development Day** - 13th March
- **World Down Syndrome Day & Comic Relief**- 20th March
- **Tempest - class groups and year 6 photo**- 31st March
- **Rock Up and Read**-1st April at 14:50
- **World Autism Day and Last Day of Term**- 2nd April

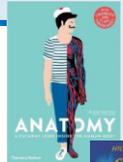
School Values:

This half term, we are learning about Teamwork. The children will be encouraged to show collaboration within their learning and communicate with their peers to share their ideas. We are linking this to our British Value of 'Mutual Respect' and how we treat each other.



Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring two texts. The first text is 'Anatomy', written by Helene Druvert. The children will be learning how to write their own scientific non-chronological report. To achieve this, the children will be learning to include relative clauses and how to use scientific vocabulary to create a more formal piece of writing. The second text is 'Straw into Gold', by Hilary McKay. The children will be writing a retelling of a traditional fairy tale. To achieve this, the children will be learning to accurately punctuate dialogue rules, and to use dialogue to show character or advance the action in the story.



Enquiry Subjects:

In **History** this half term, the children will be learning about how the history of Baghdad compares to the history of London. They will explore some of the key turning points for both medieval London and medieval Baghdad and create a comparison.

In **Music**, the children will be learning about how dynamics can affect the sound of music. To do this, we will be learning about tempo, crescendos and decrescendos, and will explore how these make a piece of music feel and why composers include these. The children will have a go at using these skills themselves, through both singing and playing the glockenspiel.

In **Art**, we will be learning how to create a block print repeating pattern. The children will work towards an outcome of creating a wallpaper design using block prints and creating layers, inspired by artist William Morris.



Maths:

This half term the Year 6 children will be learning about area, perimeter, volume, geometry, and position and movement. Year 5 children will be learning about decimals, percentages, and Roman Numerals.

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 Basketball and Dance.

Our PE days are:

- **Kestrels:** Wednesday + 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
- Enquiry Project: Fact file/ poster about key turning points in Medieval London and Medieval Baghdad.



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/)