

Unit 4 Summer 1 Newsletter 2026

Key Dates:

- **Bank Holiday**- Mon 4th May
- **Eagles Sports Festival**- Thurs 7th May
- **Year 6 SATs Week**- 11th-14th May- 8am free breakfast for Year 6 children
- **South Devon College Workshop** - Fri 15th May
- **School Games Cricket** - Thurs 21st May
- **Unit 4 Celebration of Learning**- Thurs 21st May 2:45pm
- **Year 6 Residential Meeting** - Thurs 21st May
- **Disco , Non-Uniform Day and last day of half term**- Fri 22nd May
- **Non-Pupil Day** - Mon 1st June



School Values:



This half term, the School Value we are explicitly teaching is Creativity. Creativity is about having a picture in your head of something you want to create, and you try your best to make it happen. We will teach children to use their imagination in different situations, generate and experiment with ideas, and learn to use others to support the creative process. In our assemblies we will be linking creativity to the British Value of 'Individual Liberty' as it is important to allow individuals to express themselves, make choices, and to take risks. We will talk to the children about how Creativity is an essential skill for the future, which relates to our School Aim of 'Ready for Work.'

Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring 'Are Humans Damaging the Atmosphere' by Catherine Chambers . The children will be writing a report. To achieve this, they will be learning how to use relative clauses, how to create cohesion within and across paragraphs, and how to use a variety of verb forms to create formality.



Enquiry Subjects:

In **Geography** this half term, we will be exploring the enquiry question: 'What is the human impact of the environment?'. The children will be exploring global warming and plastic pollution to find out what these are and how they are impacting our planet.

In **Computing** this half term, we will be exploring the enquiry question: 'How are videos edited?'. To explore this question, the children will be learning how to use iMovie to record and edit videos. They will then be creating a news report, using their Geography learning.

In **DT** this half term, we will be exploring the enquiry question: 'How do pulleys help us move and lift things more easily?'. The children will be designing a simple pulley system that can be used to make a fairground ride model.



Maths:

This half term the Year 6 children will be learning about graphs, negative numbers and measurement, and Year 5 children will be learning about shape, geometry, measurement, area, perimeter, and volume.

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 Tennis and Gymnastics.

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: To explore the impact of global warming or plastic pollution. The children could create a poster/leaflet/PowerPoint.



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/)

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