

Unit 3 Summer 1 Newsletter 2026

Key Dates:

Thurs 23rd April – Starlings Sports Festival
 Mon 27th – Weds 29th April – Year 4 Residential
 w/c 4th May – Geography walking trips in Preston
 Tues 19th May – Celebration of Learning and crumble tasting at 2:45pm in the school hall
 Tues 19th May – Broadsands Charity Event
 Fri 22nd May – Disco & non-uniform
 Fri 22nd May – Last day of Half Term
 Mon 1st June – Non-Pupil Day

School Values:

This half term, in our Values Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the School Value of Creativity and linking this to the British Value of Individual Liberty. We will support children to use their imagination to generate and refine ideas. Children will understand the importance of allowing others the freedom of expressing their ideas, making choices, and taking risks as part of our School Aim to 'Be a Good Citizen'.



Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring the poetry of Matt Goodfellow. Children will enjoy performing his poems 'Crocodile' and 'Polar Bear' to each other and then have a go at writing their own poem about an animal of their choosing. They will write in stanzas, with children having the freedom to experiment with adjectives and rhyming. Then, children will write a non-fiction information piece about light (studied in science) based on 'Rocks' by Georgia Amson- Bradshaw.



Enquiry Subjects:

This half term children will study Computing, Geography and Design Technology. In **Design Technology**, the enquiry is 'How can I use seasonal produce to create a dish?' and children will learn ways of safely and hygienically preparing ingredients before cooking their own individual rhubarb crumble for you to try. In **Computing**, children will discover 'How can I sequence sounds?' and explore coding through use of the Scratch program. In **Geography**, children will answer 'What is the suburb of Preston like to live in?' and will enjoy a walking trip around Preston to conduct fieldwork by asking questions to members of the public and reporting on their findings.



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. Children will also recap how to find equivalent fractions. In Year 4, children will be learning further calculating with fractions. They will simplify proper and improper fractions before moving on to learning about decimals. Children will also focus on their times tables up to 12x12 in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check in June.

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 developing our Gymnastics and Cricket. Gymnastics will be indoors, and Cricket 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: For your Computing homework, have a go at sequencing sounds on the Scratch website, or another piece of software if you have access to something different. Scratch is free to use and available through your web browser. You can share this with us via teams or the admin email.



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/)