



Unit 2 Summer 1 Newsletter 2026

Key Dates:

- Little Owls sports festival – Thurs 30th Apr
- Bank Holiday – Mon 4th May
- Fire Service visit for Year 2 – Mon 18th May
- Broadsands Charity Event – Tues 19th May
- Celebration of Learning – Weds 20th May 2.45pm
- Disco & non-uniform – Fri 22nd May
- Last day of term – Fri 22nd May
- Non-pupil day – Mon 1st June
- Back to school – Tues 2nd June
- *Save the Date – Year 2 sleepover, Fri 10th July



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:

This half term, the children will be learning to write a recount. We will use the book 'My Day at the Zoo' by Jay Dale to learn about the features of a recount. The children will write a recount of a trip or an event. They will learn to use time adverbials to help put the text in order, use exclamation marks to portray excitement, conjunctions to extend their sentences and link ideas, and they will write using past tense verbs.



Enquiry Subjects:

Our Enquiry subjects this half term are Geography, Design Technology, and Computing.

In **Geography**, we will answer the enquiry question, 'What are the human and physical features of our local area?' The children will demonstrate their learning through a presentation of their findings.

Our **DT** enquiry will answer the question, 'How can I make a freestanding structure strong and stable?' We will design and make freestanding windmills to mark the planting area for gardening club.

For **Computing**, we will answer the question, 'How do you make music with technology?' We will explore this enquiry question through iPads and the app Chrome Music Lab.

Maths:



Year 2 are beginning the half term by learning about money, followed by measuring temperature and volume. Year 1s will learn about multiplication as repeated addition, then simple division and fractions.

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 gymnastics and striking and fielding games. Each class will have two PE slots a week.

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 Project: **Geography** – draw a map of your house and garden and label the human and physical features. **DT** – make a freestanding structure at home that is strong and stable. **Computing** – Explore a music app on your tablet/device.



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/)