

# Unit 3 Summer 2 Newsletter 2026

## Enquiry Subjects:

This half term children will study History, Art, and Music.

In **History**, our enquiry question is 'Why is there a castle in Totnes?'. Children will learn about the history of Totnes Castle and be able to explain why it was built. They will use the skill of chronology to discuss how castles changed over time. They will use source materials such as photographs of artefacts to develop their skills.

In **Art**, children will be learning how to weave using fabric. Our enquiry question is 'How can I make a weave?'. We will enjoy a trip to Make Southwest in Bouey Tracey – further details to follow.

In **Music**, children will be answering the enquiry question 'How does a composer compose music?'. Children will study the composing of music and begin to compose their own pieces.

## Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring 'I don't believe it Archie!' by Andrew Norriss.

This is an exciting narrative where the main character faces all sorts of problems and things going wrong, leading him into adventures. Children will write a new chapter for the book with a new adventure for Archie.



We will also read 'A question of history' about the Romans. This is a fun non-fiction text that helps children to learn. We will then be writing our own non-fiction text.

## School Values:

This half term, in our Values Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the Value of Determination and linking this to the British Value of Individual Liberty. Through assemblies, lessons, and daily interactions, we will help children understand that determined people learn from their mistakes, persevere through setbacks, and remain committed to achieving their goals. Determination also links closely to the British Value of Individual Liberty. We will teach children that having the freedom to make positive choices comes with the responsibility to work towards their goals and aspirations.



## 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 units of measure. They will learn the units of measure for length, weight, and volume. They will be able to convert between units of measure. In Year 4, children will be exploring and problem solving with units of time, money, length, and volume. They will finish the term by exploring shape and space. **Please ensure all children are regularly practising their times tables up to 12x12. You can quiz them during spare minutes of the day, and they can log into Times Tables Rockstars on their devices at home.**



## 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 Tennis, Athletics, and Swimming skills. Please ensure your child has a full swimming kit.

Our PE days are:

- Sparrows: Tuesday and Thursday (swimming).
- Starlings: Tuesday and Wednesday (swimming).
- Swifts: Monday and Wednesday (swimming)

## 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 History homework, please make a castle of your own. You could use recycled material, a computer, your sketchbook, or any other creative means to create your castle. Think carefully about what period of time your castle represents and what type of castle it is. Can you explain this to the class?



## Key Dates:

\* Please see key dates for Summer 2 on the next page.



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## Key Dates:

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June: Girls Football Tournament  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Tennis Enrichment  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June: FOPPs Fathers Day shop  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Meadfoot House Charity Event  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Book Quest registration  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Tennis Enrichment  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Unit 3 Rock up and Read at 2:50pm  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Whole School Enrichment Day & non uniform  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Unit 3 Beach trip  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – MAKE southwest Art trip  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Summer Fair & non-uniform  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day (Unit 3 10:30am-12pm) (Reserve date of 7<sup>th</sup> July)  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Tennis enrichment trip  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Reports emailed to parents  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – New class transition days  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term

## Contact Us:

Please continue to contact the school office by email [admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk](mailto: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.

Thank you.