



# Unit 4 Summer 2 Newsletter 2026

## Enquiry Subjects:

This half term, our enquiry subjects are Art, History, and Music.

In **Art**, the children will be exploring the question, 'How can I create an applique'? The children will be using different stitching techniques to join fabrics to make appliques.

In **History**, the children will be exploring the question 'What were the achievements of the early civilisations?'. Within this enquiry, the children will be learning about what early civilisations were and about achievements of Ancient Egypt, Shang Dynasty, Indus Valley, and Ancient Sumer.

In **Music**, we will be exploring the question 'How do we create music that is harmonically interesting?', where the children will be using Music Lab to compose their own music.

## Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring some 'short burst' writing sequences. This will help us recap and consolidate some previously learned grammar features. This will include using dialogue; ensuring that we understand how to punctuate it accurately, as well as using dialogue to move action on. We will then move onto some writing to create an atmosphere - this focuses on 'showing' rather than 'telling' the reader the mood, using description, imagery and language choices to make the reader feel a particular emotion or experience within a scene.

## Maths:

This half term the Year 6 children will be consolidating and recapping their learning from across the year, and Year 5 children will be learning about volume and measurement, before also consolidating and recapping key skills learned across the year.



## School Values:

This half term, we are learning about **Determination**, by being more resilient and not giving up with tasks when they become tricky. This will help us develop a growth mindset. We are linking this to our British Value of 'Individual Liberty' and how we can make our own choices.



## PE:

This half term we will be learning about **Swimming** and **Athletics**.

Our PE days are:

- Kestrels: **Monday** and **Friday**.
- Hawks: **Monday** and **Thursday**.
- Eagles: **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

## 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.

## 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
- Long Enquiry Project: Fact file/ poster about early civilisation(s): Shang Dynasty, Indus Valley, Ancient Sumer and/ or Ancient Egyptians.



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.

**Key Dates** \*Please see Key Dates for Summer 2 on the next page.



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## Key Dates:

- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**- Unit 4 Small group swimming gala + Civic Award Fayre 3:15pm
- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**- Year 5 small group to Churston Grammar
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**- Trip to The Box, Plymouth
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5 Mini Police Enrichment
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**- Year 5 trip to TA
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June** - FOPPS Father's Day Shop
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** - Meadfoot House Charity Event
- **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Year 5 Mini Police Enrichment
- **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Book Quest registration
- **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**- Unit 4 Rock up and Read at 2:50pm
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>-Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**- Year 6 Residential
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - eSports enrichment at South Devon College
- **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Whole School Enrichment Day + Non-uniform
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**- Unit 4 Beach Trip
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**- Summer Fair + Non-uniform
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**- Sports Day (Unit 4 - 9-10:30am) (Reserve date of Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July)
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**- Year 6 Civic Award Presentation—Cuthbert Mayne 4-5pm
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July** - Reports sent to parents
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July**- Year 6 production at 2pm and 6pm
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 5 Mini Police Enrichment
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**- Year 6 Beach Trip
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 Swimming
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**- Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 2:15pm

## 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/)