



Preston Primary

Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

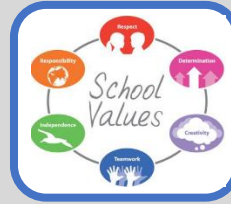


Friday 26th June 2026

Love to
Learn

Be a Good
Citizen

Ready for
Work



Learning Enquiry - 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'

Our Learning Enquiry is called 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'.

To continue our work on maps, the children have been developing their understanding of directional language, including **forwards, backwards, left, and right**. To make their learning practical and engaging, we created a giant grid on the floor, and the children became part of the map themselves. They worked together to give one another clear instructions to reach different destinations, discovering that it can be quite challenging to think from someone else's perspective when giving directions!

The children then applied these skills by programming our electronic Bee-Bots to travel to different locations on a map. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring this new technology and showed fantastic determination and perseverance as they learned how to programme the Bee-Bots successfully. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they developed their problem-solving, communication and computing skills through play.



Bonkers about Beetroot

This week the children acted out the story using drama, then in pairs they created story maps. We were very impressed with the children's ability to retell the story. They also demonstrated great teamwork when creating story maps.



Let's Investigate – Caterpillars

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been caring for and observing the caterpillars. The children have been recording any changes on the timeline and counting number of days. At the end of last week, the caterpillars started crawling up to the top of their pots and each began to build a chrysalis. Yesterday, the first butterfly emerged from their chrysalis!

We found out that butterflies like to eat sweet fruit to get energy, so we gave them a delicious snack of banana and oranges.



Sponsored Swim



Last week, Puffins and Penguins were very proud to participate in the sponsored swim. They had lots of fun and showed great determination. Collectively, Puffins and Penguins swam an impressive 440 lengths! Thank you to everyone who supported and sponsored the children. We are incredibly proud of them all and are so grateful to everyone that donated. If you still have sponsorship money to collect, please return it to school by Wednesday 1st July.



Enrichment Day – non uniform

On **Monday 29th June**, we will be holding a whole-school Enrichment Day. Throughout the day, children will spend time with others in their School Houses (**Broadsands, Goodrington, Livermead, and Meadfoot**) as they take part in a carousel of exciting activities.

The day is designed to strengthen our school community by giving children the opportunity to work with pupils from different year groups, build new friendships, and develop a greater sense of belonging to their School House. Activities will include den building, sports, art, and a scavenger hunt, providing lots of opportunities to learn, explore, collaborate and have fun together.

Children can wear **non-uniform** for the day. Please ensure they wear **trainers** and clothes that you don't mind getting messy, as some activities may involve **mud and paint**. We also recommend bringing a waterproof coat, just in case the weather is changeable.

We are looking forward to a fantastic day of teamwork, creativity and enrichment!



Celebration Show

On **Wednesday 8th July**, Foundation will be performing a celebration show in the hall. The children have decided the content of the show, and they are very excited to share this with you. The show starts at 2.30pm.



Sports Day – Monday 6th July

We are very excited to be welcoming you to Sports Day! It is always a wonderful occasion.

Children will bring their PE kits home on Thursday 2nd July to be washed ready for Sports Day.

On Monday 6th July, your child can come to school wearing their full school PE kit along with their school jumper or cardigan. Depending on the weather, please also send in sun hats or coats. If it is hot, please make sure your child has sun cream applied in the morning (they can bring more to reapply later if necessary). They will also need their water bottle. Here are the timings for the day:

Unit 4	9am – 10:30am
Unit 3	10:30am – 12pm
Picnic lunch	12pm – 12:30pm
Unit 2	12:45pm – 2.15pm
Unit 1	2.15pm – 3:15pm

12:00 – 12:30pm – Whole school picnic lunch. You are invited to bring lunch to eat with your child on the school field.

We will bring all the children out onto the field at 12pm and if they have a parent/guardian present, we will send them over to you to have their lunch. If you have arranged for someone else to sit with your child for lunch, please do tell the class teachers before the event. If you are not able to attend lunch on the field, please do not worry, as your child will be able to sit with the teachers to eat their lunch. If you have ordered lunch for your child via Arbor, they will bring this out with them.

During lunchtime your child will need to remain with you; please do not let your child run around the field as there will be too many people. At 12.30pm we will call the children back to us and we will take them inside school to toilet them and get ready for their afternoon races. Puffins and Penguins will be racing at 2.15pm. You are very welcome to stay and watch the Unit 2 races which will be happening in between lunch and our races.

At the end of the afternoon, we will bring the children back to class to collect their belongings, before dismissing them as usual in the playground.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask. We are looking forward to a wonderful day.



Beach Trip

As a reward for all their hard work and achievements, we are taking the children to Preston Sands Beach on Monday 13th July. We will be walking to the beach, having a play in the sand with our friends, eating lunch, then returning to school. This trip will enhance their knowledge of the local area. We will also be doing some beach art. The children will not be going in the sea. We will be back at school for the usual pick-up time of 3.15pm.

- **Monday 13th July – Foundation Beach Trip**

The children will wear their school uniform as usual. They can wear comfortable walking shoes such as trainers if they like.

Your child will need to bring a bag (ideally a small rucksack so that their hands are free) containing:

- Packed lunch and drink.
- A bottle of drinking water.
- A sun hat.
- A small towel (to wipe their sandy feet).
- Optional - A small plastic spade. Please make sure this fits completely inside the rucksack.
- Dependent on the weather, they may also need a coat.

If you would like the school kitchen to provide a packed lunch for your child, please order a sandwich option on Arbor.

Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school.

If you have any queries, please speak to the Foundation team.

Transition to Year 1

Recently we have started to have conversations with the children about the changes ahead. This is to prepare the children for being in a new classroom, with a new teacher in September. The three classes in Unit 2 are Snowy Owls, Little Owls, and Tawny Owls.

It is an exciting time, and we will give the children many opportunities to talk about their feelings about the coming changes. Children will be informed of their new class on Wednesday 1st July and will take part in a stay and play session. Parents will receive a confirmation letter of their child's new class on the same day.

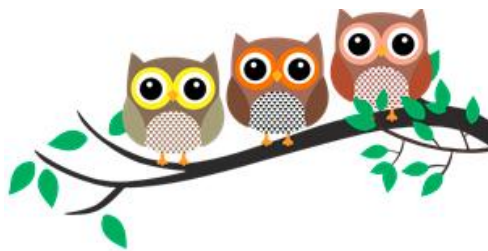
Short visits. Over the next few weeks, the teachers in Unit 2 will visit Foundation Stage to meet the children and read stories. We will visit each of the Owl classrooms to help familiarize them with the environment.

Transition days. In addition to this, to support the successful transition, all children in the school will spend two days (Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July) in their new classes.

During the transition days they will spend time with their new teacher and new classmates. This will make the first few days of September run smoothly as children will have already experienced their new class. The teachers have some wonderful activities planned for the two days. Please bring your child to school as normal to Puffins and Penguins and collect them from the usual place at the end of the day.

These are just a few examples of the events which will happen over the next few of weeks for transition.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask.



Unit 1	Reception	Foundation Stage
Unit 2	Years 1&2	Key Stage 1
Unit 3	Years 3&4	Key Stage 2
Unit 4	Years 5&6	Key Stage 2

Home Learning

- Enjoy the story read by Mrs Blatchford on Seesaw.
- Check your child's book bag and Seesaw for phonics and Read Write Inc activities and reading to complete at home.

Important Dates

- **Monday 29th June** – Enrichment Day – non uniform, trainers required
- **Friday 3rd July** – Non Uniform day and FOPPS Summer Fayre. Starts at 3:15pm on the school field.
- **Monday 6th July** – Sports Day. (Tuesday 7th July – Reserve date). Foundation 2.15pm – 3.15pm also includes a family picnic lunch 12.00 – 12.30pm
- **Wednesday 8th July** – Foundation Celebration Show 2.30pm
- **Monday 13th July** – Foundation Beach Trip to Preston Sands
- **Thursday 16th July** – Sports Festival Trip to Paignton Academy
- **Friday 17th July** – Last day of term

More dates can be found on the school website [Calendar at Preston Primary School](#)

From Mrs Bastin, Mrs Blatchford, and the Foundation Stage Team