

Unit 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2026

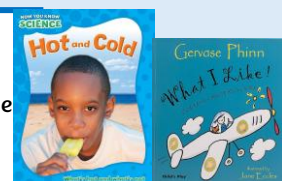
School Values and Assemblies:

This half term, in our Values Assemblies and PSHE lessons, we are learning about the value of Respect. Respect for others helps build the warm, welcoming, and calm atmosphere in our school, while also helping us to develop as good citizens for the future in all aspects of our lives. This is linked to our British Value of mutual respect, where we are respectful of everyone's differences. This year, children will also take part in our Personal Development Class Assemblies, where they will learn about key religious and cultural events, as well as important commemorative days. This half term, children will learn about Yom Kippur, European Day of Languages, World Mental Health Day, and Black History Month. These experiences help to broaden children's understanding of the world around them and support them in becoming well-rounded citizens who value and respect everybody.



Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring two texts. The first text is *Hot and Cold* by Terry Jennings. The children will be learning how to write their own informative texts. To achieve this the children will be learning to add more detail to their sentences by adding subordinate conjunctions. The second text is *What I Like* by Gervaise Phinn. The children will be learning how to write their own poems. Children will learn how to write noun phrases to describe.



Enquiry Subjects:

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

In **Geography**, we will learn 'What types of water are in or around the UK and Africa?'. The children will learn the names of the oceans and seas around the world. They will learn about some significant lakes and rivers in the UK and Africa.

In **DT**, we will answer the question 'How can I make a healthy, balanced dish?'. The children will learn about healthy eating and will make a pizza. We will use the design, make, evaluate model to make a delicious and appealing dish based on our design criteria. In **Computing**, we are learning 'How can I use technology to present data?'. To explore this question, the children will be creating pictograms. They will learn to organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content.

Maths:

This half term the children will be learning place value of numbers and addition and subtraction. Year 2 will learn to count to 100 and learn about the place value of those numbers up to 100, including ordering, finding the greatest and smallest, putting numbers on a number line and partitioning into their tens and ones. Year 1's will learn about the place value of numbers to 10 as well as addition and subtraction to 10.



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 the fundamentals of PE and teamwork. Each class will have 2 PE slots a week

Our PE days are:

Snowy Owls: Monday & Friday

Little Owls: Wednesday & Thursday

Tawny Owls: Tuesday & Thursday.

Home Learning:

To support your child's learning at home we request that you:

- Read for 15 minutes a day
- Year 2 only: Practise weekly spellings
- Enquiry Project:

Research about the longest rivers in each of the 4 different UK countries.

Create a healthy meal collage, follow a recipe, help cook the dinner at home.

Collect data and create a tally chart, draw a pictogram to represent your data.



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

www.preston.torbay.sch.uk/



Key Dates:

Key dates as follows:

- **Tuesday 8th September** – SEND/Pastoral drop ins for parents at the pastoral office 9-10am
- **Tuesday 15th September** – School Council Hustings in Class
- **Wednesday 16th September** – Unit 2 Parent Information Meetings in the hall 2.45pm
- **Friday 18th September** – Flu immunisations
- **Monday 21st September** – Activity clubs start week commencing
- **Thursday 24th September** – M&M Productions show for pupils in school
- **Monday 28th September** – Individual pupil photos by Tempest Photography
- **Monday 28th September** – Harvest Assembly by Reverend Nathann Kiyaga
- **Monday 1st October** – KS1 Maths Parent Workshop 5-6pm
- **Thursday 8th October** – SEND/Pastoral drop ins for parents at the pastoral office 2-3pm
- **Monday 19th October** – Unit 2 parent book look and DT Outcome 2.45pm
- **Thursday 22nd October** – Non-school uniform day and FOPPS disco
- **Friday 23rd October** – Non-Pupil Day
- **Week Commencing Monday 26th October** – Half Term Break
- **Monday 2nd November** – First day of Autumn 2
- **Wednesday 9th December** – KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2.30pm *Save the date