

Unit 3 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 creative writing and poetry. Children will recap the fundamental skills of writing including what makes a sentence, word classes and using description effectively to build a picture in the reader's mind. We will be looking at 'The Beasties' by Jenny Nimmo and 'Poetry Pie' by Roger McGough. Children will write a short Beasties adventure story, focusing on sequencing sentences and using phonics to support them with spelling. Children will then enjoy reading and performing a range of different poems.



Enquiry Subjects:

This half term children will study Geography, Design Technology and Computing. Each subject will be taught once a week and will work towards the children being able to answer an enquiry question in each subject through the careful sequencing of small steps of learning. In **Geography**, children will be answering the question 'What are the human and physical features of the UK?'. They will study different towns and cities and the important landmarks that draw tourists to them before then studying physical features including mountains and rivers. In **Design Technology**, children will be exploring sewing through designing and making bunting for decoration, answering the question 'How can we join together materials to make an appealing product?'. In **Computing**, children will be answering the question 'How and why is data collected over time?'. To answer this, children will learn about how data loggers work, the different ways data can be used and how the temperature of our classroom changes over time.

Maths:

Maths is taught in separate year groups so your child may move classrooms and teachers for this lesson. In Year 3, children will learn about the place value of 3-digit numbers and counting up to 1000 in different multiples. They will understand and calculate with ones, tens, and hundreds. In Year 4, children will learn the place value of 4-digit numbers and to count up to 10,000 in different multiples. They will also order and compare numbers up to 10,000 and learn to count in multiples of 25 and 50.

MATHS
NO PROBLEM!

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 Yoga and Tag Rugby skills. Yoga will be indoors and Tag Rugby will be outside. Please pack a coat!

Our PE days are:

- Sparrows: Tuesday and Thursday.
- Starlings: Monday and Wednesday.
- Swifts: Tuesday and Wednesday.

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: As part of our geography learning, we would like children to choose a place in the UK and research the human and physical features there. They could create a poster, a PowerPoint presentation, a model of a landmark, or even experiment with cooking regional dishes.



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/)



Key Dates:

Key dates as follows:

- **Tuesday 8th September** – SEND/Pastoral drop ins for parents at the pastoral office 9-10am
- **Monday 14th September** – Year 3 Bikeability (small group)
- **Tuesday 15th September** – School Council Hustings in Class
- **Thursday 17th September** – Unit 3 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
- **Tuesday 29th September** – KS2 Maths Parent Workshop 5-6pm
- **Thursday 8th October** – Starlings Sports Festival at Paignton Academy
- **Thursday 8th October** – SEND/Pastoral drop ins for parents at the pastoral office 2-3pm
- **Tuesday 20th October** – Unit 3 parent book look in classrooms 2.45pm
- **Thursday 22nd October** – Non-school uniform day and FOPPS disco
- **Thursday 22nd October** – KS2 author visit Luke Marchant in school
- **Friday 23rd October** – Non-Pupil Day
- **Week Commencing Monday 26th October** – Half Term Break
- **Monday 2nd November** – First day of Autumn 2.