



Preston Primary

Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

Thursday 22nd October 2026



Love to
Learn

Be a Good
Citizen

Ready for
Work



Thank you

We cannot believe that we have already reached the end of the first half-term in Foundation Stage! The children have settled so well into school life, learning new routines and becoming familiar with their new environment. Thank you to all of the parents and carers for your support in your child's learning and for making your child's start in school so successful.

Science – Understanding the World

Our curriculum helps children to explore and understand the world around them. We have recently been learning about our five senses: taste, touch, smell, sight, hearing. The children have enjoyed a variety of activities exploring their senses. Some of their favourite activities were tasting, guessing the hidden objects from the sound they make, smelling different scents, and reaching into a feely bag to explore different textures.



The senses



Hearing



Sight



Smell



Taste



Touch

Here is a link to a song the children have enjoyed.

<https://youtu.be/KVymeq5NSTI?si=8vZ2r8h4xBjiIiw5>

There is also an activity on Seesaw for you to try at home using your senses.

Literacy – The Little Red Hen

At Preston Primary we foster a love of reading. We have been re-telling the story of 'The Little Red Hen' – the children have loved joining in with the actions and the repeated phrases. The children have used their knowledge of the phonic sounds to start writing key words/sounds from the story, e.g. hen, cat, red, dog. The 'Little Red Hen' also inspired the children to bake their own 'bread'. However, unlike the lazy dog, sleepy cat, and noisy duck, Puffins and Penguins helped one another to make the bread.

We used the vocabulary: dough, knead, rise, roll, and mix. We learnt that yeast is the special ingredient which helps the bread to rise. The children enjoyed using the timers to measure how long we had to wait for the dough to rise. We hope you enjoyed sharing your bread at home.

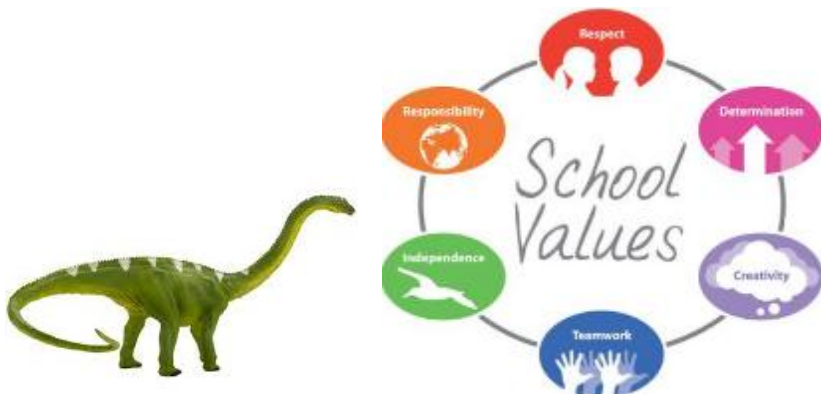


School Value - Respect

This half-term we focused on the School Value of **Respect**. This links in well with being in a new class and ascertaining class rules. In Foundation Stage, we learn our School Values in dinosaur form! Each dinosaur has a special name, and we talk about how we can demonstrate that particular value in our learning and everyday life.

Here is the school value of Respect in dinosaur form:

I am Respectosaurus. I am always in the right place at the right time doing the right thing. I always use kind words and have kind hands, I am great at sharing. I show respect by being polite and using my manners. When it is time to listen, I always look at the person talking.



Date for the diary - Maths Workshop for Parents and Carers



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you and your child to our Maths Workshop, which is being held on Monday 23rd November 5pm-6pm. We will talk about how maths is taught in Foundation then you will go to the classroom to try some activities with your child.

If your child is unable to attend, please feel free to come along by yourself.

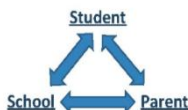
To book a space, please complete the short form by following the link below.

[Attendance Confirmation - Foundation Maths Workshop- Monday 23rd November – Fill in form](#)

We look forward to welcoming you.

Parent meetings

Thank you very much for taking the time to chat with us about your child's learning in your recent parent meeting. At Preston we believe that children make the most progress when school, the child, and parents work together. It was wonderful to discuss your child's progress and talk about how they have settled in school.



Celebrations and Festivals – after half term

After half term we will be learning about different festivals and celebrations. This gives children a respect and understanding of different cultures and traditions.

To help us prepare for this please could you tell us about the different celebrations your family have enjoyed. These could be weddings, birthdays, religious festivals, christenings, anniversaries, or bonfire night. Please either send in or e-mail (foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk) some photographs with an explanation about the celebrations or send us the details via Seesaw. We really appreciate your support; it really helps to have images from home to prompt discussion.

Home Learning for children and parents

- Enjoy the story on Seesaw read by Mrs Fox
- Respond to the attendance link for the Maths Workshop on 23rd November [Attendance Confirmation - Foundation Maths Workshop- Monday 23rd November – Fill in form](#)
- Watch RWI speed sound videos
- Explore your five senses and try the activities on Seesaw.
- E-mail or send in photographs of your family celebrating different occasions. Or you can send them via Seesaw. The e-mail address is foundation@preston.torbay.sch.uk

Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd November – SEND drop in session for parents 9am-10am

Monday 9th November - School Nurse drop in session – 2-3pm

Thursday 12th November - Year R National Child Measurement Programme

Friday 13th November - Children in Need (children to wear usual school uniform but can wear a Children in Need accessory, if they wish)

Monday 16th November - FOPPS AGM at 7pm in the Hall – All Welcome

Monday 23rd November – Foundation Maths Workshop 5-6pm

Tuesday 1st December – Foundation Visit St Pauls Church

Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Jumper Swap

Friday 4th December – Non- Uniform Day and FOPPS Christmas Market

Monday 7th December – Visit Preston Community Preschool to watch a nativity

SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday 8th December – Foundation Nativity at 9.30am in the school hall

Thursday 10th December – FOPPS Elfridges shop

Monday 14th December – Foundation Rock Up and Read 2.50pm – more details to follow

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch in School (children can wear usual school uniform with Christmas tops/jumpers, if they wish)

Friday 18th December - Last day of Autumn Term – Unit Christmas parties for all children during the school day (children can wear usual school uniform with Christmas tops/jumpers, if they wish)

Kind Regards Mrs Bastin, Mrs Fox, and the Foundation Stage Team

Please share this poster with anyone that has a child starting school in September 2027.

Thank you.



SCHOOL TOURS

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2027?



Come and discover life at Preston

We warmly invite prospective families to meet our team, explore our Foundation provision and see our school in action.

TOUR DATES

THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER
9:30am

WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER
9:30am and 3:30pm

TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER
9:30am and 3:30pm

TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER
9:30am

TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER
9:30am

THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER
9:30am

TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER
9:30am

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER
9:30am and 3:30pm



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BOOK YOUR TOUR

Please contact the school office to reserve your place.

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