Unit 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2026

School Values and Assemblies:

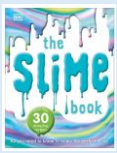
This half term, our Values Assemblies will focus on our School Value of Responsibility. We will explore what it means to take responsibility for our actions and the choices we make each day. By making thoughtful, safe, and respectful decisions, we can contribute positively to our school and local community and help us to Be Good Citizens. Alongside this, children will learn about the British Value of Individual Liberty, understanding that while we have the freedom to make our own choices, we also have a responsibility to use that freedom wisely and consider the impact of our actions on others. In our Personal Development Class Assemblies, children will learn about important religious, cultural, and commemorative events, helping them to develop their understanding of the diverse world around them. This half term, children will learn about Bonfire Night, Diwali, Anti-Bullying Week, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and Hanukkah, exploring their significance and how they are celebrated or recognised in different communities.



Literacy:

In Literacy this half term, we will be exploring two texts. The first text is No-Bot by Sue Hendra. The children will write their own version of the story about a robot losing a body part. We will focus on the use of adjectives in noun phrases to add more interest for the reader.
The second text is The Slime book by Dorling Kindersley. The children will be learning how to write instructions using command sentences and adverbs of time to ensure their instructions are in order.





Enquiry Subjects:

Our Enquiry subjects this half term are History, Art, and Music.
In **History** we will learn, **How has the way we have travelled changed in the last 100 years?** The children will learn about transport that we use today, and transport used 100 years ago.
In **Art** we will answer the question, **How can I create a portrait using colour to show my mood?** The children will learn what a portrait is and how colour can be used to express emotion. In **Music** we are learning **'Can you recognise different sounds?'** To explore this question, the children will be listening to different pieces of music and identifying the instruments they hear. They will also learn a song and learn to play the glockenspiel to accompany their singing.

Maths:

This half term the children continue learning place value of numbers and addition and subtraction. The year 2 children will learn to add and subtract numbers with numbers up to 100. They will learn to add and subtract using the expanded column method. Year 1s will learn about numbers to 20, and addition and subtraction of numbers to 20.

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 Dance and ball skills. 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
- Practise weekly spellings
- Enquiry Project:
  - Explore how your grandparents and great grandparents went on holiday?
  - Draw, paint, or create a portrait of a family member
  - Visit a museum/art gallery/stately home to look at some portraits
  - Make some maracas/shakers out of recycled packaging

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, event dates & term dates, on our school website www.preston.torbay.sch.uk/

Key Dates:

- **Tuesday 3rd November –** SEND/Pastoral Drop In for parents 9-10am
- **Monday 9th November –** Responsibility Assembly from Reverend Nathan Kiyaga
- **Monday 9th November –** School Nurse Drop In for parents -2-3pm in the Pastoral Office
- **Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th November –** Parents Evening Meetings (Years 1-6) 3:30-6:30pm
- **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 –** Anti Bullying Week
- **Monday 16th November –** FOPPS AGM at 7pm in the School Hall
- **w/c Monday 30th November –** Last week of Activity Clubs
- **Wednesday 2nd December –** Eco Committee Christmas Jumper Swap Shop
- Thursday 3rd December – Athletics Enrichment (small group) at Paignton Academy
- **Thursday 3rd December –** SEND/Pastoral Drop In for parents 2-3pm
- **Friday 4th December –** Non-Uniform Day and FOPPS Christmas Market
- **Monday 7th December –** Advent Assembly for the children from Reverend Nathan Kiyaga
- **Wednesday 9th December** – KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2.30pm
- **Thursday 10th December –** FOPPS Elfridges Shop
- **Tuesday 15th December –** Unit 2 Rock Up & Read at 2:50pm
- **Wednesday 16th December –** Christmas Lunch (children can wear usual school uniform with Christmas tops/jumpers, if they wish). Please order via Arbor.
- **Friday 18th December –** Last day of Autumn Term – Whole school assembly for the children & Unit Christmas parties during the school day (children can wear usual school uniform with Christmas tops/jumpers, if they wish)
- **Tuesday 5th January –** Children back to school – first day of Spring Term (Spring 1)