Unit 4 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 the modern fairy tale The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy. Children will develop their narrative writing skills by learning to punctuate dialogue accurately, use dialogue to move the action on, and include prepositional phrases to add detail to their writing. In our second sequence, we will study the non-fiction text Extreme Animals by Nicola Davies. Children will explore how factual information can be presented in an engaging and child-friendly way while developing their understanding of non-fiction writing.



Enquiry Subjects:

This half term, children will study History, Art and Music. Each subject is taught weekly and is designed around an enquiry question that pupils will be able to answer by the end of their learning. In **History**, children will investigate the question, 'How have women's roles in society changed over time?' They will investigate the lives of women at different points in history and the progress made towards equality over the last 100 years. In **Art**, pupils will explore the question, 'How can I create portrait using words to develop meaning?' They will learn about the artist Anatol Knotek and will explore typography to create their portraits. In **Music**, children will answer the question, 'How does music bring people together?' They will explore rock music through the ages which they will listen to and respond and will also learn 'Let's Rock' on the glockenspiel.

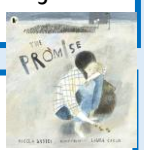
Maths:

MATHS NO PROBLEM!

This half term Year 5 will learn about multiplying and dividing 3 and 4-digit numbers by single and double digit numbers. Year 6 will learn about adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and reading, writing, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals.

Reading:

In Reading this half term, children will continue to develop their comprehension skills through a range of engaging texts. They will explore The Promise by Nicola Davies, using retrieval, inference, and prediction skills to deepen their understanding of characters, themes, and events within the story. Children will also use the Mysteries of Çatalhöyük website to develop their non-fiction reading skills, locating information, summarising key ideas, and using evidence from the text to answer questions. We encourage all children to read daily at home for at least 15 minutes and to quiz regularly on Accelerated Reader (AR) books. Children earn points for completed quizzes, which contribute to their overall word count and help them develop fluency, stamina and a lifelong love of reading. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read, discussing what they have read and sharingbooks together, as these conversations help to strengthen comprehension skills and foster a love of reading.



PE:

This half term we will be learning about Dance and Netball. Please come to school wearing our described PE kit and school jumper or cardigan.
Our PE days are:

- Hawks: Monday & Thursday
- Eagles: Tuesday & Wednesday
- Kestrels: Monday & Friday.

Home Learning:

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

- Read for 15 minutes a day
- Practise times tables on Times Tables Rockstars
- Practise weekly spellings
- Create a poster about an inspirational woman from history (History) **or** create a portrait using words in the style of Knotek (Art).

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS
Accelerated Reader
NUMBOTS

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/

Key Dates:

- **Tuesday 3rd November-** SEND/Pastoral drop ins for parents at the pastoral office 9-10am.
- **Monday 9th November** – Responsibility Assembly from Reverend Nathan Kiyaga.
- **Monday 9th November** – School Nurse drop in for parents at the pastoral office 9-10am.
- **Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November** – Parents Evening meetings for Year 1-6, 3.30-6.30pm
- **Wednesday 11th November** – Unit 4 present a Remembrance Assembly to the rest of the school with a visitor from the Royal British Legion.
- **Friday 13th November** – Year 6 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** – Anti Bullying Week
- **Monday 16th November** – FOPPS AGM at 7pm in the School Hall.
- **Tuesday 17th November** – Choir performing at Blossoms Winter Concert
- **Thursday 19th November** – Athletics Enrichment (small group) at Paignton Academy
- **Friday 20th November –** Choir performing at Plymouth Festival of Music
- **Friday 20th November (evening) –** Choir (small group) performing at Exeter Cathedral for Teachers Rock Rise Up event
- **Thursday 26th & Friday 27th November** – Unit 4 Parliament Week – MP Steve Darling Visiting
- **w/c Monday 30th November –** Last week of Activity Clubs
- **Wednesday 2nd December** – Eco Committee Christmas Jumper Swap Shop
- **Thursday 3rd December –** SEND/Pastoral Drop In for parents 2-3pm
- **Friday 4th December –** Non-Uniform Day and FOPPS Christmas Market with Choir performance
- **Sunday 6th December** – Choir performing at The Salvation Army Christmas Toy Service
- **Monday 7th December –** Advent Assembly for the children from Reverend Nathan Kiyaga
- **Thursday 10th December** – FOPPS Elfridges Shop
- **Sunday 13th December** – Choir performing at Karing Charity Concert
- **Tuesday 15th December –** Unit 4 Carol Service at St Paul's Church at 6pm
- **Wednesday 16th December** – Christmas Lunch (children can wear usual school uniform with Christmas tops/jumpers, if they wish). Please order via Arbor.
- **Thursday 17th December** – Unit 4 Rock Up & Read at 2:50pm
- **Friday 18th December** – Last day of Autumn Term and Unit Christmas parties for all children 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)