



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE 2 NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd September

HELLO FROM MR AGNEW

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely summer and managed to make the most of our wonderful British weather! I'm Mr Agnew, Phase 2 leader (years 2 and 3). It's been great to see the children again and they have all settled in brilliantly! If you need to see me about anything, my door is always open. You can also find me by the front gate every Wednesday.

Year group meetings have been held this week, however if you did miss these meetings, the PowerPoint slides will be sent out to all parents shortly. If you do have any queries or questions regarding the school year, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

PE days are as follows:

Year 2 – Tuesday.

Year 3 – Thursday

Please ensure your child comes in their PE kit – preferably Preston Hedge's kit. We are fully aware that branded kit isn't always possible, but if school colours could be used in any alternatives, we would be very grateful.

YEAR 2

A quick message from the Year 2 teachers – “What a great start the children have had to Year 2! We have been impressed with how they have settled and how well they have familiarised themselves with their new routines. They have even been asking when they are going to get homework.”

During Maths lessons this term, the focus is place value and number. Children will be taught to recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens and ones) and will learn how to use this to solve problems. Children will make use of number lines as well as being able to recognise and use the less than (<), more than (>) and equals (=) symbols.

In English, we have both a fiction and non-fiction unit. The fiction being a setting description, where the children will have the opportunities to explore, practise and use descriptive language, in particular expanded nouns phrases and adverbs. The non-fiction unit is instructional writing. The children will get to use their knowledge gained from their curriculum lessons, where they will design and make a pizza, and for English write a set of instructions. I can't wait to see the children roll up their sleeves and get a slice of this action.

Our curriculum topic is Tour de Europe, which is a predominately geography-based unit. It is a fantastic way of getting the children to explore the continents, oceans and some capitals of the world. In addition to this, they will also have the opportunity to find out about different physical features and famous landmarks. The topic incorporates Design and Technology, where they will get the chance to taste some of the famous flavours from Italy and learn about preparing food safely and of course making their own to eat! Buon appetito!

Our Science topic this half term is 'Animals including Humans', where the children will: explore life cycles, learn what animals and humans need to survive and anthropometry, which is the scientific study of measuring proportions of humans.

In Art, the children are looking at creating art using the natural environment and looking at artists such as Andy Goldsworthy. Music, this term consists of learning to recognise the beat and pulse throughout different types of music. In PE this term, the children and teachers will be putting on their dancing shoes as well as taking part in various athletics sessions.



YEAR 3

A quick message from the Year 3 teachers – “We have been so impressed with how the children have come back to school and how they have made such a smooth transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2. Already, they have demonstrated amazing resilience and self-discipline, adapting to the step-up in work expectation and complexity. Keep up the fantastic attitude!”

In maths, Year 3 have been working on place value, partitioning and adding using the formal the written method. The children have also been practicing their times tables daily using the sound check through Times Tables Rock Stars. They are engaging in arithmetic and reasoning questions weekly to allow them the opportunity to practice a variety of different questions.

In English, Year 3 have been planning and writing a setting description for a haunted house. They have specifically focused on expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials

and punctuation within their writing. They children explored key vocabulary and different language features to help them with this as well as using video and audio clips to help envisage what a spooky house may be like.

Our current curriculum topic is 'Rivers', which is a Geography-based study. The children have been learning all about the water cycle and different rivers around the world. They have looked at key terminology such as source, mouth and erosion and will be creating their own riverbanks in the next few weeks.

In science, the children have been looking at different types of rocks and comparing and classifying them into groups. The children have been able to feel different rocks to see how they can differ from smooth, rough, large and small. In Art, the children have been looking at two artists who specialise in charcoal drawings. They have done some artist research and mark making and will eventually move on to creating their own master pieces from charcoal.



HOMWORK

Homework will also be set weekly. On Friday, expect to see homework go home (due in the following Wednesday). Maths homework will be based on the learning your child has completed that week. If your child is struggling, or you need any guidance, please talk to your Maths teacher – they will be more than happy to help.

PE REMINDER

As mentioned in our recent welcome to the year meetings, children need to attend school in appropriate PE kit on their allocated PE day. All jewellery including earrings and watches must be removed and long hair tied back. If recently pierced earrings can't be removed, children will be unable to participate in practical activities but can still join in the daily mile. The slides from the welcome meeting are all available on our website in the correspondence section.

Dates and Reminders

Reading Workshop – Tuesday 26th September

SPaG Workshop – Tuesday 3rd October

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Year 2 – Tuesday.

Year 3 – Thursday

Thank you for your continued support here at Preston Hedge's

Mr Agnew