



**PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**PHASE 2 NEWSLETTER**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
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**Message From Mr. Agnew**

Welcome back everyone! I hope you are all well. As always, the children have settled in brilliantly after a fantastic first term back. I have been incredibly impressed by the way our lovely Year 2 and Year 3 children have conducted themselves whilst learning their new routines, and I know their class teachers have been too.

We are back again with another busy but exciting half term, which is packed full of fun and engaging opportunities. Our uber-enthusiastic and creative young learners have already immersed themselves into our enriching curriculum (said modestly) and once again, are showcasing their remarkable talents as well as our school values.

As the seasonal anticipation builds, there will be lots of exciting opportunities available for you and your wonderful children to get involved in. Please see dates for some of these below, as well as future communications via the school office. As ever, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for amazing, continued support.

**Dates and Reminders**

**Thursday 30th November:** Friends of Preston Hedges Wreath Making for parents. In the hall from 7pm - 9pm. Mulled wine and mince pies included!

**Thursday 7th December:** Children can wear Christmas Jumpers in exchange for something for our Christmas hampers! Further details to follow at a later date.

**Friday 8th December:** Breakfast with Santa

**Thursday 14th December:** A festive day! We have our ABM Christmas lunches, the reindeer are visiting in the afternoon, and we would like to invite you all in for Christmas crafts from 2.15pm. Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers again.

Please can you please ensure that children are attending school with the correct PE uniform on the PE days.



## Year 2

### Curriculum

We have a new history-based topic this term, The English Civil War. The children will be learning all about the reign of the Stuarts, key events that happened during the Stuart period, the key figures of the Civil War as well as the events that happened afterwards.

The children will be making smoothies in their Design and Technology lessons. Focusing on a healthy balanced diet, thinking about what would make a good smoothie. The children will then design their own smoothie and label for a fairy tale character.

Our science topic is continuing with Animals including Humans, where the children are exploring life cycles and what animals need to survive.

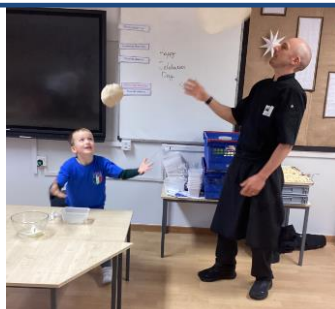
Music this term is continuing to recognise the beat and pulse throughout different types of music. The children will also be learning a song called 'Ho, Ho, Ho' and learning how to perform it with different instruments.

In RE, the children are learning about a new religion, Judaism. The children will be learning all about a Synagogue and what you would find in one, as well as Jewish festivals. In PE, the children are moving onto gymnastics and games.

### English and Maths

In English our fiction unit is focusing on character descriptions of characters from Little Red Riding Hood. The children will be writing their own version of this tale with a great twist! In our non-fiction unit in English the children will be writing a persuasive letter.

Maths lessons this term will focus on properties of 2D and 3D shapes, telling the time, and recognising different amounts of money. All these lessons will also include word problems, to encourage the children to read and pick out the correct information.





### Year 3

#### Curriculum

This term we will be investigating 'Ancient Britain and The Conquerors'. We started this topic by exploring the Neolithic period before our next stop, The Iron and Bronze ages; we looked around some monuments from these times that can still be seen today! Now we are off to study the Romans, focusing on who they were, their rich religious beliefs, where they came from, how and why they invaded England (we have linked their success in invasions back to our knowledge of the Roundheads last year with how they a disciplined army) and the legacy they have left behind.

Our science topic this half term is all about magnets and forces. We have started to look at how different objects act on different surfaces and studied the concept of friction also. We will be furthering this knowledge with some experiments with magnets.

In RE this half term, we are looking at Islam. We will be looking at how Muslims pray, who thy pray to and what they believe in as well as looking at their holy book: the Qur'an, and their place of worship: Mosques.

In Music, we are learning about pulse and rhythm and learning to read notes on a staff. We are then using this knowledge to play Glockenspiels as a class, ensuring we are all in time and playing the same notes.

Our computing topic is all about media. Our focus will be around pictures and creating stop motion. This topic will help the children understand how pictures 'move' and the sort of things we are able to do to edit pictures to our specification.

#### English and Maths

In Maths, we have covered measures including length and weight and we are moving on to properties of shapes both 2D and 3D. Just before Christmas, we will be starting work on statistics and data which will see the children gathering and inputting data into graphs.

In English, our fiction topic has been based around the book 'The Dancing Bear' by Michael Morpurgo. The story is about a dilemma the main character faces and we have started writing our own stories about a moral dilemma. Our next topic will be playscripts which will see the children doing some acting and speaking as well as retelling their own version of a famous fairytale

