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## **PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **PHASE 2 NEWSLETTER**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**



### **Message From Mr. Agnew**

Welcome back and of course a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a well-rested break and were able to spend much quality time with family and loved ones. With Spring just around the corner, it is hard to believe that already we find ourselves at the halfway point of the academic year. I look forward to seeing the children sinking their teeth into their new topics and it has been great to see them all return to school with such enthusiasm and positivity. They have wasted no time immersing themselves into the school's creative curriculum and are already showcasing the school values. Already this term, Year 2 have visited a local Synagogue whilst Year 3 were fortunate enough to take part in an African Drumming Workshop. With plenty more exciting and enriching opportunities that lay ahead, it is sure to be a memorable term. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr. Agnew

## Year 2



### English, Maths & Science

In English, our fiction unit is focusing on journey tales, looking at the story 'The Koala Who Could' and writing our own journey tale! Our non-fiction unit in English is Diary writing, where the children will be writing their own exciting diary entries using key skills.

Maths lessons this term will focus on number and calculation. The children will be learning how to use the column method to add and take away numbers. Also, they will learn to use the column method to 'borrow' and 'cross the tens numbers.' We will continue working with the children on building their mental maths skills too.

In science, the children are learning about 'Living things and their habitats.' They will be looking at suitable habitats for different animals, including micro-habitats. The children will also be developing their investigation skills throughout science by participating in a variety of different experiments.

## Curriculum

'G'day!'... Our topic this term is 'An Australian Adventure'. It is a geography-based topic, where we will be exploring the country of Australia, looking at the weather, population, different states, and landform regions. We will also be comparing Australia to the UK.

This term, our Art is focusing on 'Monoprint.' The children will explore a range of ways to mark-make and create pictures through different types of printing. In music, the children are continuing to follow the beat and pulse to different types of music and being able to perform different songs using instruments.

In RE, the children are continuing learning about Judaism. We have already been on our trip to the Synagogue where the children were able to share their amazing knowledge and experience what was inside firsthand. In PE this term, the children are looking at dance; they will be working together in small groups to perform a sequence of dance movements. They are also looking at games and how to work together as a team.





## YEAR 3



### English, Maths & Science

In English, our fiction topic has been based around the book 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll. The setting description and adventures in the story will be a guide for the class to rewrite their own adventure.

In maths, we are revisiting the four operations. This will be a good chance for the children to use formal written methods and improve their confidence and will help move them on to reasoning questions. We will be moving on to fractions and decimals later in the half term. We will be starting of my looking at tenths in both fractions and decimals before moving on to understand how we can convert between the two.

Our science topic this half term is all about Animals Including Humans. We will be delving into how different animals survive and what nutrition is all about. We will be looking at different diets for animals, how different animal's bodies are made up and what they need to survive.

## Curriculum

This term we will be looking at everything to do with Africa. We are going to be looking at the countries, climates, and culture all that way through the continent. We have already been lucky enough to have a visitor in to give us a session on African drumming and we are looking forward to our trip to Woburn Safari Park where the children will get to see some African wildlife up-close and learn all about their habitats and conservation.

In computing, we are looking at the programme scratch. The children will look at inputs and outputs and recognise the way in which digital devices can change the way that we work. The children will also look at sequencing and how to create their own sequence on scratch. In Music, the children are learning the song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. The unit will involve listening, composing, and singing the song. They will do a range of progressive warm up games, flexible games and composing which will then lead them to be able to sing and play along to the final piece.

In RPSHE, we have been discussing why it is important to build trust in friendships and what we can do if we are feeling sad about something that may have happened with a friend. We have also looked at budgeting and how to save money for the future with reference to why it is helpful. This term in RE, we have been looking at the religion of Islam. We have looked at the different parts of a Mosque, what the religion's beliefs are and the different objects which you may find inside of a Mosque.



## Dates For Diaries

**08/01/24 – Year 3 Trip to Woburn Safari**

**16/02/24 – Year 3 Assembly**

**09/03/24 – FOPH Mother's Day Cake Sale**