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## PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

### PHASE 2 NEWSLETTER

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

#### HELLO FROM MR AGNEW

Welcome to the next Phase Two newsletter! The days are getting slightly longer and warmer (although this week may have been an exception with some very chilly spells!) and I know the children in Year Two and Year Three have been pleased to see the arrival of Spring.

The children in Phase 2 have been extremely busy with their learning journeys this term.

From learning common Spanish phrases to exploring everyday life as a Viking, the children have thrown themselves into the broad and immersive curriculum that we have to offer here at Preston Hedge's, and we continue to be so proud of their efforts.

We were thrilled with the engagement from pupils during World Book Day last week. Seeing the school come together to celebrate and enjoy the day was very special and I know they loved every minute of it! In assembly, children had the opportunity to stand up in their classes and show-off their incredible costumes. As ever, thank you for your amazing effort!

It's hard to believe that in a few weeks we will be waving goodbye to this term and welcoming the arrival of the summer term. Staff from the phase have shared in more detail what the children have been up to below.

We've also been lucky enough to have many visitors in to talk to us about important aspects of our personal development. Most recently, representatives from Network Rail and the Air Ambulance have been to school to share important messages about safety. Vicky, from the air ambulance, talked to the children about The Crew, a free children's club that they may wish to join. If you'd like to find out more, please visit

<https://theairambulanceservice.org.uk/childrens-air-ambulance/the-crew/>

This week was also Science Week. Preston Hedges was fortunate to welcome back **Atomic Tom**, who came in yesterday to conduct some wonderful experiments with the whole school.



## YEAR 2



A message from the Year 2 team - *“We are so proud of how well the children come back to start a new term. They are so full of motivation and eager to learn!”*

In English, our fiction unit is focusing writing a sequel tale to the book ‘Vlad and the Great Fire of London.’ The children will be exploring the sequence of the story and writing their own ending. Our non-fiction unit in English is Diary writing, where the children will be writing their own exciting diary entry.

Maths lessons this term will focus on shape, space, and measure. The children will be comparing 2D and 3D shapes, telling the time to 5-minute intervals and using different coins to make the same amount. As always, we will continue working with the children on building their mental maths skills.

Our topic this term is ‘Gunpowder, Fleabites and Flames’. It is a History-based topic, where we will be exploring the events of the Gunpowder Plot, The Great Plague and The

Great Fire of London. The children have absolutely loved the topic so far and I know they cannot wait to show you what they have learned in the class assembly.

In Science, the children are continuing with their learning about 'Living things and their habitats.' They will be looking at food chains, how animals get their food from plants and other sources, and the difference between carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. The children will continue to develop their investigation skills through a range of different experiments during this term.

For DT this term, we will be focusing on making a glove puppet. The children will design, make, and evaluate a glove puppet, selecting the appropriate tools to help them.

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. They will also be learning to perform songs for our class assembly.

In RE, the children are continuing learning about Judaism. We will be looking at who is worshipped in Judaism and stories from the Torah.

In PE the children are looking at gymnastics and games. Focusing on working together to build their team skills.



## YEAR 3



Let's go Berserk! This term, we will be looking at Vikings. We will be exploring everything from who they were, where they came from, why they raided and invaded and how they lived their lives. We will then be comparing how they lived to how the Romans lived and see the similarities and differences between the two.

In English, our fiction topic has been based around the book Beowulf, a Nordic Myth. The characters and actions in this story will be our starting point to create our own hero vs. villain story with a lot of descriptive actions.

In Maths, we are revisiting measure. We will be recapping different measurements for length, weight, and capacity before covering perimeter and money. We will also be moving on to data and graphs later in the term.

Our Science topic this half term is a continuation of 'Animals Including Humans'. We have already learned about diets and food groups and will be moving on to learn more about bones, muscles and how our bodies work on a day-to-day basis.

In Computing, the children will be looking at branching databases and exploring how information gets sorted. This will then lead on to showing how computers do this and what technology must do to achieve the same result.

In Music, we are looking at traditional folk music. We will be specifically looking at learning a Chinese Folk Song called "The Dragon Song". The children will learn to sing different parts of the song and play the glockenspiel alongside it.

In RPSHE, we will be looking at all aspects of life including people who care for us, why we are unique and important, online safety, local communities and our roles in them, gender stereotypes and equality and ethical spending and how to choose the correct things to buy.

In RE, we are looking at both Christianity and Islam and looking at important people within the religion. We will then be moving on to look at key similarities and differences between the religions and what they both believe in



### Key Dates and Reminders

TT Rockstars Battle – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
(Year 2 v Year 3)  
(Year 4 v Year 5 v Year 6)

Worldly Wise Week - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Year3/4 Hockey Event – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 Assembly – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Parents Evening – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Rocksteady concert – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Dare to be Different – FOPH event – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Termly Reports for Parents & Break-up for Easter – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.