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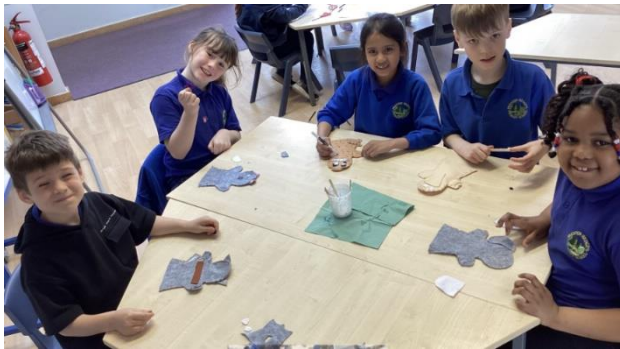
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PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE 2 NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd May



HELLO FROM MR AGNEW

It's here... Summer is finally upon us, but unlike the weather, the children are certainly warmed-up and are relishing their new topics. Phase Two yet again have an action-packed term ahead and the children in Year Two and Three have wasted no time in getting stuck into our broad and enriching curriculum. As expected, our wonderful children have returned from the Easter break with a healthy hunger for knowledge and are already showing how remarkably hardworking and creative they really are. Please read on further to find out what your child will be learning about this term.

As head of Values in the school, I would also like to take this opportunity to say that it has been lovely to see all the amazing things your children have been getting up to over the holidays through your Value nominations, please continue to send them in so we can give the children the credit they deserve.

YEAR 2



A message from the Year 2 team - *"We hope you are all well rested after the Easter Holidays, as always the children have come back to school full of excitement and motivation for another new term!"*

In English, our fiction unit is 'writing from a video stimulus.' The children are watching the short clip called 'Something Fishy' and will be writing their own imaginative story using the video clip as inspiration. Our non-fiction unit is non-chronological reports which will be based on animals that live in the ocean.

Maths this term is focusing on number and calculation. The children will be learning the bus stop method for division and the grid method for multiplication. The children will also continue to build on their arithmetic skills and their mental maths skills.

We have a new and exciting topic this term called 'The Ocean Wild.' This is a geography-based topic in which the children will be learning about the different oceans, oceans layers and the organisms that live there. Our topic also covers eco science where the children will be looking at climate change and plastic pollution and how this is affecting our oceans.

In Science, the children are moving onto their new topic, Plants. They will be looking at the life cycle of plants, parts of a plant and germination. The children will continue to develop their investigation skills through different experiments, focusing on the best environment for plants to grow in.

Art this term is Expressive Painting. The children will explore their imaginative side through looking at artists such as Vincent Van Gogh. They will look at the primary and secondary colours, exploring different ways to mark make using paint, to create their own expressive, imaginative piece.

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 to learn about Judaism and Christianity. The children will be looking stories from both the Bible and the Torah and why they are important to each religion.

In PE, the children are looking at athletics and games. The children will continue to develop their own co-ordination skills as well as building on their co-operation when working in teams.



YEAR 3



This term we will be researching everything about our wonderful planet Earth. We started this topic by looking at the structure of the Earth and what each section of the planet consists of. We have also begun looking at volcanoes, how they form and why some erupt. We will be moving on to look at what natural disasters are, how they occur and what the impact is on life.

For Science, this half term's topic is light. We have started looking at what light is, where it comes from and how it affects us. We will be moving on to look at how our eyes work with light, how colours reflect into our eyes and how light can also be dangerous. We will also be able to do some work with shadows in the sun (if the weather holds up...)

In English, our fiction topic is going to be to create a narrative with a moral. We will start off by looking at some Aesop's fables before moving on to longer stories and

eventually creating our own. Our non-fiction topic will be a non-chronological report. We will be looking at linking this to our curriculum topic, Extreme Earth.

In Maths, we are back on to our four operations. We will be perfecting our knowledge of formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. We will be looking at using these with inverse to find missing numbers and to check our calculations. We will then move on to reasoning questions with the four operations. Later in this half term, we will be moving on to fractions and decimals and understanding how to convert between the two.

In RE this half term, we have already been lucky enough to visit a Mosque which was an amazing opportunity for the children to find out more about the religion of Islam, the Five Pillars of Islam and see how Muslims live their day-to-day lives. In Art, we are looking at still life drawings. We have already started looking at different ways to present shading and different ways to shape the objects on the paper. We will be moving on to do still life painting later this half term.

In Music, we are looking at RnB music. We have been looking at other types of similar music and will be learning a new song. We have begun to learn the lyrics and are singing it in class, and we will be using the glockenspiels to perform this song also. It is an interesting piece of music as it has lots of different rhythms throughout which will be a new challenge for the children.

In Computing, we are looking at desktop publishing. We are going to start by recapping everything we know about how to create and edit interesting word documents before taking this knowledge further and using Microsoft Publisher and Adobe Spark to perfect documents for publishing.



Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Key Dates and Reminders

Monday 6th May – May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th May – Year 3 Celebration Day