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PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE 2 NEWSLETTER

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HELLO FROM MR AGNEW

Astonishingly, we find ourselves in the last half term of the academic year and my goodness, hasn't it just flown by? This term, we prepare to say farewell to our amazing Year 6's and we also look forward to meeting and welcoming our new reception cohort as well as our new classes, who will be transitioning up to the new teachers in the coming weeks. How exciting!

As we wrap up another exciting year at Preston Hedges, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Already, this term has been filled with remarkable achievements and memorable experiences for our students. Since returning from the May half-term, it is no surprise that our incredible children have wasted no time at all in getting stuck into their new topics and they continue to impress their class teachers with the hard work and enthusiasm.

YEAR 2



A message from the Year 2 team – *“As always, we are so proud of how the children have come back to school. They are full of motivation and enthusiasm, ready to start their final term in Year Two!”*

In English, our focus is on looking into Amelia Earheart’s life and writing an informal letter from her point of view. We shall also be looking at writing exciting riddles from an animal, as well as creating our own Haiku Poems.

Maths this term will be focusing on length, shape and measure. The children will be measuring using different units and collecting and interpreting information using bar charts and tally charts. The children will also continue to build on their mental maths skills and their arithmetic skills weekly. In Science, the children are moving onto ‘Materials’. The children will be carrying out a range of experiments to test the properties and suitability of different materials.

For our final topic in year two, we are very excited to be learning all about ‘Pioneers in History.’ This is a history-based topic where the children will learn about a range of significant historical figures and the impact they have had on our lives today. We are also moving onto DT this term, where the children will be designing, making and evaluating their own fire engine. The children will be focusing on axels and how they can create and design their own fire engines to move effectively.

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 a variety of instruments.

For RE this half-term, the children are continuing learning about Judaism and Christianity. The children will be mainly looking at Jewish festivals, and how they are celebrated. In PE, the children are looking at games and athletics. The children will continue to develop their own co-ordination skills as well as building on their co-operation when working in teams, preparing for sports day!



YEAR 3



For our final half term in Year 3, we are going to be looking at Ancient Britain in History. We are going to be starting at the Stone Age and moving our way through the Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be looking at everything from how they make their tools, what their homes looked like and how they lived their everyday lives. We will also be having a special visitor coming in to showcase equipment used in these prehistoric ages and demonstrate how they lived and how they made their tools.

In Science, we will be looking at 'Plants'. We will start by looking at how they grow, the life cycle of a plant and we will then be looking at the importance of each part of a plant. We will have the opportunity to dissect a plant and explore each part individually and understand what each part does as well as how it affects the plants growth.

In English, we have started looking at non-chronological reports. We have been looking at the best ways to layout our writing and create an interesting piece of writing to hook the reader before teaching them some information. We will then be moving on to science fiction and fantasy writing, basing a narrative off The Iron Giant. We will be collating all our skills learned throughout the year to create a wonderful piece of writing.

In Maths, we are rounding off the year with measurement, shape and data. We will be recapping what we have already learned this year about length and weight and moving on to look at capacity and volume. In shape, we will be recapping angles and perimeter before moving on to data entry with graphs and pictograms, interpreting and creating them.

In RE, we are rounding off our topic of Islam and learning about the important people, places and scriptures within the religion. We will also be looking at Christianity and understanding different parts of the bible; we will look at what

they mean to Christians and what they teach them. In Music, we are recapping everything we have looked at this year so far. We will be exploring all different genres and playing glockenspiels. We will also be learning about basic notation, including pitch and note length.

On top of this, we are lucky enough to have workshops with Leigh Wolmarans from Silhouette Youth Theatre Group. He will be working with the children throughout the term to develop their public speaking skills. He will be doing this through a variety of activities every week and encouraging the children to debate and perform to allow them to develop their confidence in front of others.



Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Although the summer holidays are almost in reaching distance, there are still so many wonderful learning opportunities and exciting events to squeeze into our final few weeks. Please see our exciting upcoming dates and events below...

Key Dates and Reminders

Year 2

21st June - Last Friday Readers of the year

28th June - Trip to Space Centre

1st July - Sports Day

Year 3

25th June - Sports day

27th June - Mini Wimbledon

1st July - Year 3 Rock climbing and sports trip

3rd July - Celebration Day

Whole school dates

5th July - Friday Funday (School Fete) 3:15pm - 5:15pm

9th July - Olympic activities (children to wear PE kit) (more info to follow)

12th July - Transition morning, picnic and open afternoon

23rd July - last day of term