

PRESTON HEDGE'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Phase Two Newsletter
Friday 17th September



HELLO FROM MR BRENNAN

It has been great to welcome back Phase Two, and I hope you've now had a chance to get to know the teaching team. I'd like to take the chance to introduce myself if we haven't yet met - my name is Mr Brennan and I am delighted to be leading Years 3 & 4. Although you might know me from Year 6, I have been a qualified teacher since 2008 across Years 3-6. If you'd like to discuss any matters please feel free to catch me in my classroom, or at the school gates every Monday from 3pm. As I have been at Preston Hedge's for over 5 years I hope I am a familiar face to many students and their families (if not, just look for the gentleman with too much hair gel!).

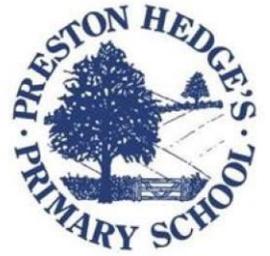
Phase Two Team

Within Year Three, our teaching team is: Mrs Shirley, Mr Robinson and Mrs Allen with Mrs Smith on hand to offer her assistance.

In Year Four, we have Mrs Biggs and Mrs Cadge alongside Mrs Cochrane and Mrs Lopes.

It's good to be back!

The children have settled into their new year groups brilliantly and I have been really impressed by their manners, superb behaviour and creativity in the classroom. Phase Two have made a fantastic start by jumping into their curriculum topics. Throughout the last few weeks, the children have participated in a multitude of sporty taster sessions and creative learning opportunities. Throughout the year we will be offering the children a variety of fun curriculum experiences and as always, the chance to 'get creative' within their learning. I hope they are as excited as we are!



CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Year Three - Hurricanes, Volcanos and Whirlwinds!

Year 3 will begin the autumn term with their first topic 'Mother Earth'. This engaging environmental project will involve exploring how the Earth is structured. The enthusiastic, young geologists will investigate the causes of natural phenomena and the impact this has on Earth and its inhabitants. The children will also use their prior knowledge of countries and continents to help recognise where tectonic plates meet, and investigate the countries that are prone to cataclysmic events. As our explorers investigate mother Earth, they will conduct an experiment each week to help them gain a deeper understanding of natural disasters. These hands-on learning lessons will see children exploring and recreating volcanic eruptions, tectonic plate movement, hurricanes and more!

Year Four - Mummification, Greek Gods and Powerful Rulers (not the cm kind!)

If you like your history gruesome, enchanting and mysterious then Year Four is the place to be! This Term Year 4 will be learning about Ancient Civilisations. Before half term they will be engaging in a variety of learning experiences exploring Ancient Egypt. As part of their curriculum topic, our super sleuths will face a code-breaker challenge to uncover what they will be learning about using hieroglyphics and the Greek alphabet. The children will be getting into role and hot seating some of the most famous Egyptian and Greek rulers, learning about the mummification process and deepening their knowledge by conducting an experiment in mummification. In addition, our budding artists and designers will be creating clay replicas of a cartouche and Canopic jars and designing and constructing Ancient Egyptian jewellery.

DATES AND REMINDERS

Parents Evenings – 19th and 21st October

Halloween Disco – 13th October

PE – Y3 Tuesday and Y4 Thursday. Children must come to school in their PE kit on their day and ensure all jewellery has been removed

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

Mr Brennan