

PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE 3 NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th September

HELLO FROM MR AYRES

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely summer and enjoyed some sense of 'normality.' I'm Mr Ayres, Phase 3 leader (years 5 and 6). It's been great to see the children back again and they have all settled in brilliantly! If you need to see me about anything, my door is always open, and you can contact the office where they will forward any correspondence straight onto me. You can also find me by the front gate every Tuesday.

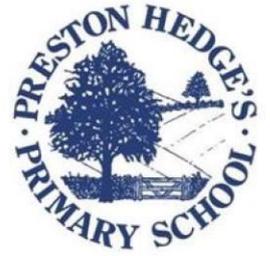
Year group videos will be out at the beginning of next week to let you know all about the year ahead. Just to let you know, the PE day for Year 5 is Monday and for Year 6, this is on Wednesday. If you could come in your PE kit for the whole day so they are ready for this.

YEAR 5

In Year 5, the children have made a wonderful start. They have settled brilliantly into their new classrooms, and we are enjoying getting to know them! We are beginning our year by studying our history topic of The World at War. This half term, the children will focus on World War 1 and learning key historical facts about the war, including: why the war began, who the key political figures are, the type of warfare in key battles and the war's short- and long-term impact on Great Britain. The children have taken to this topic fantastically so far and on Friday they absolutely smashed the topic's first Curriculum Quiz about their learning. The rest of the weeks will be filled with immersive learning opportunities, for example, we will be turning our classrooms into a museum, a WW1 job fair, a courtroom for debates and even a kitchen to relive the trenches stew!

We will be sharing these lessons on Twitter so please keep an eye out to see how the children get on! Thanks for your continued support, and please feel free to grab a member of the Year 5 team at any time.





YEAR 6

What an amazing start the Year 6 children have had. Mr Brennan and I have been really impressed at how quickly they have settled in and are looking forward to a great year ahead! To start off the year, our first topic will be Vietnam. This half-term, we are looking at the topography of Vietnam and the change this wonderful land has gone through. During this topic, the children will hone their orienteering and mapping skills with a trip to Everdon later in the year! Once we have studied the Geography of Vietnam, the children will explore the Vietnam War, looking at guerrilla warfare, the impact this had on society and the key historical facts of the war. We have lots planned for this topic including a debate on which country, England or Vietnam, would be best to have a holiday, creating an animal documentary with use of the radio station, looking at Buddhism and creating lots of artworks based on the Vietnam rainforest. Keep an eye on Twitter for an insight into Year 6 life! If you have any questions or would like to find out more about what we have in store in Year 6, please do not hesitate to talk to your class teacher.

HOMEWORK

Homework will also be set weekly. On Friday, expect to see Maths homework (due in the following Wednesday) and Reading homework (due in the following Friday). Maths homework will be based on the learning your child has completed that week. If your child is struggling, or you need any guidance, please talk to your Maths teacher – they will be more than happy to help. Reading for Year 5 is a minimum of 45 minutes and for Year 6, it is a minimum of 60 minutes. Please record how many pages you have read, and minutes spent reading as your child works their way towards the “Star Reader” badge! You will also see spelling homework coming home weekly so please take some time to practice these.

DATES AND REMINDERS

Halloween Disco – Wednesday 13th October

Parents Evening – Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st October

Year 5 PE Day – every Monday

Year 6 PE Day – every Wednesday

Mr Ayres