



PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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KEEPING SAFE!

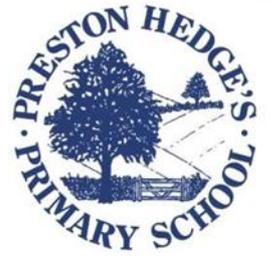
We just wanted to say a big thank you for adhering to our socially distancing protocols.

The Health and Safety Executive Team have been touching base with all schools since re-opening on 1st September, and we had our conversation with them this week! We are very pleased to let you know that they were very satisfied with the safety measures we have both here at school and at the before and after school club, and had no actions for us at all! We are always very robust in following guidelines to the letter, but it is very nice to get a clean bill of health in our processes from the HSE!

Thank you again for supporting us in ensuring the site and school is as safe for our community as possible, and please do keep up the 2m social distancing when you are walking around the school site.

We know a few of you are wondering what to do if anyone in your household has symptoms. This flowchart <http://www.dwmh.nhs.uk/coronavirus-2/self-isolating-guidance/> explains it in a bit more detail, as does the image below:





CORONAVIRUS Q & A



Just a reminder that we have a Coronavirus Q & A on the website:

<https://www.prestonhedges.northants.sch.uk/coronavirus-q-a/>

We will be updating whenever new guidance comes out, so please keep checking in there regularly.

We have been asked about our policy if we ever have a positive case of a staff member or pupil. In such a situation, the school must immediately inform the DfE on a hotline, and they would advise on actions for us to follow.

Our focus, however, is in keeping the bubbles as healthy and safe as possible, so thank you again for working with us in this.

WHAT'S ON IN THE WIDER CURRICULUM THIS TERM!

RECEPTION



What a fantastic start to our first school year at Preston Hedge's Primary School! It has been a joy meeting our new children and seeing their friendships beginning to grow. Let's dive into our new theme, Under the Sea which links to the story of 'The Rainbow Fish'.



This term we will be focusing on developing our Expressive Arts and Design skills by creating multimedia under the sea art work. We will be exploring colour and how colours can be changed and manipulating materials to achieve a planned affect. Our indoor and outdoor learning areas will be linked to our theme in which the children will be able to build submarines in the construction area, explore our under the sea town and experiment making sounds from under the sea!

YEAR 1 –SUPERHEROES!



This term in Year One we will be studying the topic of ‘Superheroes’! We will be looking at both fictional superheroes and everyday superheroes, such as the police force and our NHS. In our afternoons we will be taking part in many different art activities which will involve creating our own superhero masks and capes! On Friday 2nd October we will be having our very own Superhero Celebration Day where the children are invited to come dressed as a superhero. This could be fictional or every day, such as Batman or a doctor! We are also hoping to take part in a zoom chat with some local every day superheroes! In addition to our curriculum, we will be linking this term’s topic of Superheroes to our writing where the children we will be writing their own superhero character descriptions and reading a variety of Superhero stories! We will also be continuing to explore the Big Outdoors where the children will be making bug hotels, superhero dens and enjoying a warm cup of cocoa!

YEAR 2 – TOUR OF EUROPE



To begin an exciting year back at school, Year 2 will begin the year with their first topic ‘Tour of Europe’. The children will have some fantastic opportunities to ‘travel’ around Europe, with ‘stop offs’ at 6 different countries. The project will build from a foundation in learning of the world that will consist of the children exploring the 7 continents and 5 oceans before locating Europe on the map. This will enable them to use simple maps and

keys, and introduce the use of directional language. The topic will then hone in on a focus of European countries where the children will be able to immerse themselves in a new country each week, including sampling some of the countries delicacies and learning some of the language. These countries will include The United Kingdom, Spain, Italy, Russia, France and Greece. The Year 2's will be able to name key characteristics of each country and begin to look at the human and physical features to ensure they have an extensive bank of knowledge of some of Europe's countries in order to build a study to compare two places. Our learning will also be expanded on with our brilliant weekly Spanish lessons!

Year 3 – MOTHER EARTH



This term Year Three will have a geography focus and be studying Mother Earth. We will be learning all about our planet Earth, its structure and its dangerous side! We will explore causes of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and research how mankind has developed ways to tackle them. We will be creating some fantastic art based on volcanoes and creating our very own tectonic plates to simulate earthquakes. In Science our focus will be Forces and Magnets. The children will be learning about the different types of forces in the world and how they effect objects. We will be investigating friction and observing how it can change dependant on different surfaces. Finally in our Art sessions the children have been exploring mark making and will be developing their skills using different sketching techniques such as shading, crosshatching and rubbing.

YEAR 4 – LIFE ON THE EDGE –EXTREMES



Year Four will be delving into the 'Extremes' for their first curriculum topic this year. This will be a geography-based topic, in which we will be paying close attention to both deserts and the arctic. Throughout the topic, we will be exploring what life would be like



within these areas and uncovering exciting survival tips. Alongside our knowledge lessons, we will have the opportunity to apply this knowledge through some exciting activities, including creating our own treasure hunt for our peers to help support our understanding of the location of both deserts and the arctic. In addition to this, our science topic this term 'States of Matter' accompanies the 'Extremes' perfectly, in which we will be learning all about solids, liquids and gases, whilst exploring the effects of climate change.

YEAR 5 - THE WORLD AT WAR



This term, Year 5 will be exploring The World at War, taking an in-depth look at World War 1 and World War 2. This will involve analysing the effect of key events that led to each world war as well as identifying turning points that directed the end of the wars. Children will explore the intricacies of democracy between the different nations, and how the difference between leadership and political opinion divided the world. Pupils will begin to understand the effect the war had upon life in the UK and the consequences this had on future generations. On top of this, in Art, children will use their collage and textiles skills which will include learning how to weave and create fibre weaving pieces of art using this technique, that will depict soldiers of their plight in the war.

YEAR 6 - VIETNAM

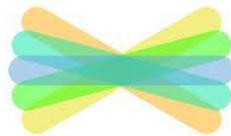


Year 6 are beginning the new school year with a Geography topic exploring Vietnam, which after half term will link into their first History topic of the Vietnam War. To immerse the children in practical and essential Geography skills, we will use professional



ordnance survey maps and tourism guides to plan a once-in-a-lifetime tour of Vietnam. The children will work in groups and develop their map reading skills, including 6 figure grid references, reading contours, mapping travel (roads, airports, and railways) and their growing knowledge of Vietnamese culture, to plan their trip. They will have the opportunity to present their expedition to their peers and see if they have beaten the challenging criteria set by their demanding customers (the teachers!) Alongside developing their Geography skills, the children will have the opportunity to enjoy some of Vietnam's finest cultures including their national sport Da Cau (football badminton) and exploring water puppetry as well as a unique piece of artwork using layering and mixed media to construct a Vietnamese jungle.

SEESAW & HOMEWORK



SEESAW

We are just renewing our details and classes on Seesaw, and once this is in place, we will be uploading all homework onto Seesaw, to enable a smooth transition if we ever needed to return to remote learning (hopefully this won't happen – we are just preparing for every possibility!)

From next week, your child will come home with a QR code in their homework book, alongside a paper copy of the homework as usual. However, from this point, instead of being uploaded onto the website, the e-copy of the homework will be available on your child's Seesaw account.

WELCOME MEETINGS!

As we can't get you into school for welcome meetings, we are going virtual! Mr Sinnamon is currently videoing 'Welcome to Year Group' meetings. As soon as these are complete, we will put them on the website and let you know they are there.

We also have plans to set up a 'Parent Support' page on the website where we can keep Phonics, Handwriting, Maths & SPAG workshop videos that you can access at any time.

As soon as we can get those in place, we will let you know!



Have a wonderful weekend!

Just a few images:



