



Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

08/09/2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you had a fun summer break and are now ready for the start of the school year! Welcome to all of our new members of Puffins and welcome back to our lovely Year 1 team too.

This term we will be focussing on what makes us special, our families and communities alongside finding out about Autumnal changes and celebrations. You can find out more information about the learning we will cover this half term on our curriculum web.

Below there is some information about the school year and some ideas about helping your child at home.

Phonics

Year 1 Puffins will be continuing with RWI sessions this school year. We will reassess where the children are this week and make sure they are in the correct groups ready to start next week.

In June 2024, Year 1 have their phonics screening check, more information about this will be available closer to the time.

Reception children will be introduced to the Read Write Inc programme. We will revisit sounds the children have seen/heard in Nursery and build on their sound knowledge. After the first few weeks we will assess the children to ensure they are in the correct groups going forward.

We will be sending out information regarding which sounds they are learning throughout the year and useful links to videos to support your child at home. It would really benefit the children if you could recap these sounds as regularly as you can. It really is the foundation to becoming fluent readers and writers.

Reading

In Year 1, reading leaders will give each child a Read Write Inc book as well as a book bag book to read at home. These will be changed as we move through the scheme. Reception children will move onto these when they are ready. The children practise their reading with books that match the phonics and the 'tricky words' they know. They start thinking that they *can* read and this does wonders for their confidence. The children also practise reading (and spelling) what we call 'tricky words', such as 'once,' 'have,' 'said' and 'where'.

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Children should read at home at least five times a week. Please record **ALL** reading in their Reading Record books, please also write in here any other home reading you might share, for example bed time stories, as we would love to hear about these too.

Maths

Reception

This half term we will start by baselining the children. We will be spending lots of time getting to know the children and assessing where they are in terms of their current reading, writing and maths knowledge. We will then move on to looking at patterns and numbers 1,2 and 3 as we move into the second half term.

Year 1

This half term we are learning all about 'Place Value'. We will be reading, writing and counting backwards and forwards from any number 0-10, one more or less than a number, comparing numbers (<>, greater, fewer, less, more) and ordering numbers. During the second part of this half term we will be working on our number bonds to 10 using both addition and subtraction.

Homework

We use 'Tapestry' as our online learning platform in Puffin class all of our children. We will be uploading maths activities linked to what we have been learning, along with the Healthy Movers activity you can enjoy at home and the sounds your child is currently learning. This is intended for you to work on together, consolidating the week's learning.

The screenshot shows the Oxford Owl website. Annotations include:

- A box at the top left: "Login pw - padstowks1 pw - padstowks1" with an arrow pointing to the login form.
- A box at the top center: "Don't forget we have access to Oxford Owl ebooks. Great for extra reading!" with an arrow pointing to the "Your ebooks and Activities" section.
- A box at the bottom center: "Choose the colour they are working on" with an arrow pointing to a grid of book covers.

The website interface includes a login form, a navigation bar, and various sections for ebooks and activities.

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Suggested websites and Apps to help support your child's learning:

- Mr Thorne Network on Youtube – fantastic phonics videos.
- BBC Bitesize KS1
- Literacy games - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
- Science Materials - http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/5_6/sorting_using_mate_whatnext.shtml
- Ruth Miskin https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIq9GdxtQ
- Teach your Monster to read
- Oxford Owls <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/year-2-at-primary-school/maths-curriculum-year-2-age-6-7/>

Spellings – Year 1 only

Children will have weekly spellings to practise and learn. Each child will have a spelling book in which these weekly spellings can be practised. There are lots of different ways to learn their spellings. It is important that they also understand the meaning of the words they are learning. Can they put them into context? Can they write a sentence including one or two? Please find this half term's spelling list attached.

PE

PE will be taught on a Friday. We ask that for this half term, children in **Reception** come to school **wearing** their PE kit. This is to give the children more time within the PE session, as the year goes on we will introduce changing for PE. **Year 1** children should bring in their PE kit to change into for their PE session.

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning has many positive benefits physically and mentally. It can help to develop gross and fine-motor development, develop self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem. As well as develop collaborative-working and communication skills. It also helps children to appreciate the world around them and develop a lifelong love of the outdoors. This term outdoor learning will take place on **Wednesdays**. We plan to be outside whatever the weather!

- Each child to keep a pair of wellies in a named bag in school.
- Children to wear suitable clothes for outdoor learning (eg clothes you will not mind coming home muddy!). Their school jumper should still be worn.

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Other Information:

We encourage your child to have water bottles in school, so they have access to water throughout the day. Snacks from home need to be labelled and put in the snack tray for break time. Please can you help us with our Healthy School status and provide fruit, veg or other healthy snacks. Snack ideas can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids>. Could they, also, only bring to school a lunch box (if not having school lunches), coat, hat, sunscreen, book bag and water bottle (**water only**) - all labelled.

I will only be available for a brief exchange of information at the class door so if you feel you need a longer conversation, please make an appointment for me to call you by telephoning or emailing the office and I will endeavour to get back to you the same day.

Yours sincerely

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