



Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed some quality family time. This half term we are going to focus on the topic 'How does your garden grow?' We will be finding out about plants and flowers, what happens in our gardens and parks in the Spring time and how minibeasts can help us to grow things outside.

Important dates/information:

1st May – Inset day

6th May – Bank holiday

24th May – School photo day

24th May – Last day of the half term

Below there is more information and some ideas about helping your child at home.

Phonics

Children will be continuing to learn their phonics through the Read Write Inc programme. Children have been recently assessed and will be placed into the correct group for their level.

Reading

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. 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 'I', 'no', 'go', 'to' and 'the'.

This half term we will also be learning how to form and use capital letters, writing these at the beginning of our sentences and being able to recognise them in words.

Maths - Reception

This half term we will be looking at numbers beyond 10, working specifically on numbers 11-20, ordering these numbers and using them in our everyday maths. We will also be exploring sharing and grouping, height and length and 3D shapes.

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Maths – Year 1

This half term we will be looking at numbers to 50, ordering numbers and using them in our everyday maths. We will also be exploring multiplication and division, fractions and mass.

Home learning

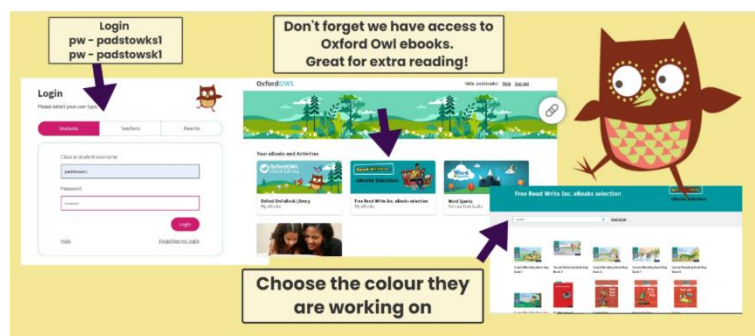
We use 'Tapestry' as our online learning platform in Puffin class. We will be uploading maths activities linked to what we have been learning. This is intended for you to work on together, consolidating the week's learning.

Spellings – Year 1 only

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

Oxford Owl:

A brilliant additional resource for learning at home, Oxford Owl has many books which you can choose your child's colour band from. This is great extra practice alongside their school reading book.



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>
- Ruth Miskin
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIq9GdxtQ
- Oxford Owls <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/year-2-at-primary-school/maths-curriculum-year-2-age-6-7/>

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PE/Outdoor Learning

PE and outdoor learning will be taught on a **Friday for both Reception and Year**

1. (Year 1 will have a double PE session on a Friday). Please ensure your child **brings** their PE kit to school. As the children are now in the Summer term, we will be asking children to bring their PE kits to school to change into. This is part of our learning to build independence in changing and caring for ourselves. Please also encourage your child to dress independently at home by practising putting on their own t-shirts, shorts and socks etc by themselves.

We will not be getting changed between PE and outdoor learning so the clothing needs to be suitable for both. Please bring:

- PE top
- black leggings/jogging bottoms
- trainers
- Black hoodie

Please ensure **ALL** clothing is named.

Please ensure your also child has:

- A pair of named wellies at school.
- Waterproof clothing, including coats and waterproof overalls/trousers.

Other Information:

We encourage your child to have a water bottle in school, so they have access to water (**water only**) throughout the day. Fruit is provided for snack, however if you wish to provide a snack from home these 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 to see me by telephoning or emailing the office and I will endeavour to get back to you the same day.

Yours sincerely

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