



# Padstow School & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

20th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Oystercatcher Class and we hope you all had a lovely February Half term break.

Please find attached a curriculum web for this half term, with an overview of what we will be covering in each subject. Our curriculum driver this half term will again be Ancient Egypt.

During this project your child will learn about the ancient Egyptian civilisation in detail, to discover how crucial factors like water sources and farming helped them to develop and thrive. They will find out about important inventions and the growth of cities. They will also study the lives of different people in society, including the roles of kings and pharaohs. The children will reflect on their learning by identifying the similarities and differences between civilisations, before learning about the causes and consequences of the Egyptian civilisation's decline. They will also consider whether or not this civilisation left a lasting legacy.

## Reading

Children are expected to read at last five times per week to an adult or older sibling and this should be recorded in their Reading Record. Regular reading and discussion of what has been read is crucial to becoming more fluent readers. Children read in school most days in Guided or Shared Reading led by an adult. If your child reads separately with an adult this will be recorded in the Reading Record.

Once your child has finished reading their Accelerated Reader book, they will be asked to complete a short quiz. This is a short quiz of 5-10 questions which monitors their comprehension and understanding of the text and its vocabulary. Once complete, the children will be helped to select a new book within their reading level.

Reading records are collected on Monday by the class teacher, please record **all** the reading your child has completed.

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## Maths

### Year 3 programme of study

Spring term	Measurement <b>Length and perimeter</b> VIEW	Number <b>Fractions A</b> VIEW

### Year 4 programme of study

Spring term	Measurement <b>Length and perimeter</b> VIEW	Number <b>Fractions</b> VIEW

## Multiplication

During the summer term, the year 4 children will take part in the National Multiplication check. We will continue to spend time preparing the children for this. As part of this preparation, all children will come home with multiplication flash cards. Once your child can answer the multiplication with instant recall (without needing to recite the table) they will be given the next set to learn.

Year 3 focus this half term – 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Year 4 focus this half term – 3, 6, 7, 11 and 12 times tables.

We will continue to use 'Times tables rockstars' to help improve the children's fluency. This is an app that can also be accessed from home (details have been sent but please ask if you need further support). We ask that the children given the opportunity to access this regularly at home on a tablet or laptop.

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[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

## Important dates/information:

**PE lessons** – Every Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Homework due** – Every Monday.

**World book day** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Focus for the day: Total immersion in books

We have planned a range of book related activities for the day and are hoping it will be enjoyed by all children and the adults.

Children will be able to dress up as a book character for the day. They should bring in the book related to that book character to share with their class.

Please ensure children are able to run around safely at breaktime and lunchtime. School shoes or trainers to be worn.

2:45 - 3:15 Parents/carers are invited in to share a book and learning with their child/children.

3:15 - Bake for Books cake sale in the Hall.

Padstow Bookseller to sell World Book Day books. Children will have their voucher.

We would like children to donate books they have already read or do not want any more so we can run a second hand book swap for donations.

Monies raised will go towards new books for classrooms.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs M Langton  
Class Teacher

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## Spellings

We are focussing on spelling rules this term. See the spellings homework grid supplied. The Common Exception words for year 3 and 4 are also supplied.

Each child will have a Spelling & Grammar Book in which these weekly spellings should be practised. Children will need to use their selected spellings to write five sentences. The class teacher will let the children know the grammar focus each week with homework guidance. These homework books will be checked weekly, on a Monday, to ensure spellings are being learnt correctly. Spelling and Grammar books are required in school daily.

## PE

PE kit needs to be in school every day. Lessons will be on Tuesday and Wednesday this half term. The first three weeks of PE sessions will be handball, followed by three weeks of problem solving outdoor activities. Please ensure all kit, including shoes, are clearly labelled. As the weather remains cool, we ask that your child has a PE jumper. Jogging bottoms can be worn. All items should be plain black with NO logos or images. A polite reminder that children are not to wear PE kits into school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information or anything else, please do not hesitate to catch us after school. Should you wish to have a longer appointment, please either telephone or email the school on [hello@padstowschool.org](mailto:hello@padstowschool.org) to arrange a meeting.

## Healthy Eating

We are a healthy eating school so children should bring in a healthy tuck for breaktimes, e.g. cereal bars - no chocolate, fruit, chopped vegetables, plain or savoury rice cakes. Snack ideas can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids>. Crisps, chocolate bars, marshmallow Krispie bars, etc should be kept for lunch boxes. We encourage children to have a water bottle in school, so they have access to water (**water only**) throughout the day. Water bottles should be labelled with your child's name. Please visit the school website (links below) for more information.

[Padstow School - Healthy Eating School](#)  
[Healthier Families - Home - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

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