



# Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have all had a good half term break and managed to get out and about when the weather was kind to us!

This half term we are going to focus on the topic 'Where do I live?' We will be looking at maps and atlases, thinking about our country as well as other countries around the world. We will also be learning lots about animals, their features and their habitats.

### **Important dates/information:**

**26<sup>th</sup> February** – Owl Sanctuary visiting the school

**6<sup>th</sup> March** - St Piran's Day

**20<sup>th</sup> March** - Oral Health Day

**28<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of term, 1.30pm finish

### **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.

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

We will be sending out information regarding which sounds they are learning throughout the year. It would really benefit the children if you could recap these sounds and practice reading as regularly as you can. It really is the foundation to becoming fluent readers and writers.

### **Reading**

Reading Leaders will give each child a Read Write Inc book as well as a book bag book to read at home (this will be a blending pack if your child is currently learning to blend). 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'.

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Children should read at home at least five times a week. All reading should be recorded in their Reading Record books, please also write in here any other home reading you might share.

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## Maths

### Reception

This half term we will be looking at time, length and height. We will also be comparing numbers to 10, finding number bonds to 10 and looking at, completing and making patterns.

### Y1

This half term we will be continuing to work on our number bonds to 10 using both addition and subtraction, exploring addition and subtraction within 20, place value within 50, length, height and mass.

## Home learning

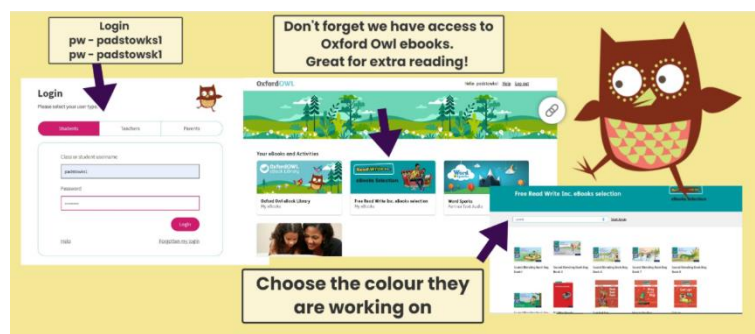
We use 'Tapestry' as our online learning platform in Puffin class. We will be uploading maths activities linked to what we have been learning. This is intended for you to work on together, consolidating the week's learning.

## 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:

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- 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\\_cFCIg9GdxtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIg9GdxtQ)
- Oxford Owl <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/year-2-at-primary-school/maths-curriculum-year-2-age-6-7/>

## PE/Outdoor Learning

PE and outdoor learning will be taught on a **Friday for both Reception and Year 1**. Please can children come to school **wearing** their school PE kit (PE top, black leggings/jogging bottoms, trainers). This is to give the children more time within the PE session. We will not be getting changed between PE and outdoor learning so the clothing needs to be suitable for both.

**Year 1** will have an additional PE session on a **Monday**. Please **bring your school PE kit** to school on a Monday.

Please ensure your 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 (**water only**) in school, so they have access to water 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. Snacks should only be fruit, veg or other healthy snack. Snack ideas can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids>.

Could children, 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. **No** toys or items from home please.

Should you wish to have further information about what is being taught in class, please visit the school website – the curriculum page under Statutory Information and the class page.

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

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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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