



# Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas holidays and that you are all refreshed and ready for what the Spring term brings.

This half term our topic is called 'What makes a hero?'.

*Intergalactic greetings, young heroes. It's time to rescue the planet from evil villains. Who's your favourite superhero? Spiderman? Wonder Woman? Maybe your heroes are ordinary people who've achieved great things. Or is it those people who save lives in our emergency services that you admire most? Superheroes have super senses. Use yours to identify mystery items by their smell, taste, sound and touch. What do true superheroes eat to keep their senses and special powers sharp? Is that phone box free? Please excuse me – I have to save the world.*

## **Important dates/information:**

**6<sup>th</sup> January** - Superhero day!

**20<sup>th</sup> January** - Chinese New Year celebrations (more information soon)

**6<sup>th</sup> February** – Mental health week

**9<sup>th</sup> February**- Last day of 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'.

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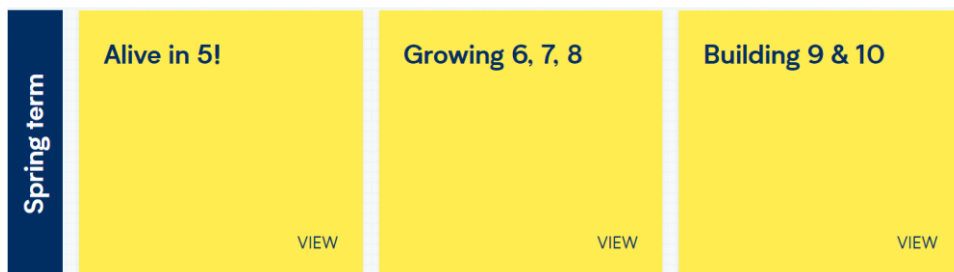
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Children should read at home at least five times a week. All reading should be recorded in their Reading Record books, please also write in here any other home reading you might share.

## Maths

This half term we will be looking at time, ordering events and the difference between night and day. We will be developing a deep understanding of numbers up to 10 by representing, comparing and finding the compositions of numbers. We will find one more or one less than a numbers, practicing combining amounts and ordering numbers. We will also be exploring capacity, 3D shapes and height and length.



## 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\\_cFCIg9GdxtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIg9GdxtQ)
- 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

PE will be taught on a **Friday**. Please ensure your child **wears** their PE kit to school. This will allow for more time to enjoy our 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 half term our outdoor learning will take place every **Wednesday**.

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.

## Other Information:

We encourage your child to have a water bottle 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. 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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