



Padstow School & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

4th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope your children have had an enjoyable break and are refreshed, recharged and ready to start an exciting half-term.

We will be starting a new curriculum driver this term 'Ancient Civilisation'. Please find attached a curriculum web for this term with an overview of what we will be learning in each subject.

Ancient Civilisations:

This project teaches children about the history of one of the world's first ancient civilisations, ancient Egypt. Children will learn about the rise, life, achievements and eventual end of this civilisation.

Reading

As a school, we request that every child reads at home to an adult or older sibling at least 5 times a week. This can be as little as 10 minutes, but regular reading is crucial to becoming more fluent readers. Reading records and books are required in school daily.

Once your child has finished reading their 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.

Maths

Year 4 programme of study

Spring term	Number	Measurement	Number	Number
	Multiplication and division B	Length and perimeter	Fractions	Decimals A
	VIEW	VIEW	VIEW	VIEW

Year 5 programme of study

Spring term	Number Multiplication and division B VIEW	Number Fractions B VIEW	Number Decimals and percentages VIEW	Measurement Perimeter and area VIEW	Statistics VIEW

Multiplications

During the summer term, the year 4 children will take part in the National Multiplication check. We will 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 5 will also receive these cards to help consolidate their prior learning.

Timestables rockstars is up and running and the children are enjoying the program in school. Access is available at home using their individual password and login - these have been stuck into reading records for safekeeping. Please encourage your child to play at home, access can be gained from any device linked to the internet, desktop, laptop, tablet etc. www.ttrockstars.com

Spellings

Children will have weekly spellings. Please find the spelling list attached and on Google Classroom.

Each child will have a Spelling & Grammar Book in which these weekly spellings can be practised. Children will need to follow the guidance set on the homework sheet and the week's spellings to write an appropriate sentence. The class teacher will let the children know the expectations for each week. The yellow Spelling and Grammar books will be checked weekly on a Monday to ensure the homework is being completed correctly. Spelling and Grammar books are required in school daily.

Outdoor learning

Due to the structure of the unit this half term, we will have an immersion day; allowing us to fully involve ourselves in a specific unit of our curriculum. This will be in place of our weekly sessions, which will return in Spring 2.

PE

PE kit needs to be in school every day. Lessons will be on **Wednesday**. Please ensure all kit, including shoes, is clearly labelled. As the weather continues to be cooler, we ask that your child has a plain black PE jumper: jogging bottoms can be worn. This a polite reminder that children are not to wear PE kits to school. This half-term Cormorant class will be swimming every afternoon on the week beginning **Monday 9th January 2023** - Goggles are recommended.

Curriculum Enrichment Day

On Monday 6th February 2023 we will be having a visit from Mr Egypt. Phillip has been an Egyptologist now for 41 years working and studying the culture of Ancient

Egypt. His knowledge and understanding have led him to want children to experience this wonderful land and its ancient inhabitants.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Thomson
Class Teacher

Important dates/information:

Week Beginning Monday 9th January 2023 - Swimming
Monday 6th February 2023 - Curriculum Enrichment Day, Mr Egypt