



Padstow School & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

7th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Cormorant 2022/2023. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the term as much as I am. I have been busy preparing and planning for the term, and I cannot wait to welcome all of Cormorant class (old and new) back.

Please find attached a curriculum web for this term with an overview of what we will be covering in each subject. This term our curriculum driver is 'Frozen Kingdoms'.

Frozen Kingdoms:

Welcome to the planet's coldest lands. Vast wilds and hostile territories; incredibly beautiful, yet often deadly. Take shelter from the elements or fall prey to icy winds and the deepest chill. Trek bravely and valiantly across treacherous terrain to the ends of the Earth, treading deep in snow or being pulled by a team of mighty sled dogs. Be alert, for magnificent mammals roam these lands, sometimes hungry or fresh for a fight. Perhaps a hungry polar bear or an Arctic fox is hunting rodents, as swift as the wind. Research facts and figures of climate, temperature, habitats and ecosystems, and compose evocative poems about the Northern Lights. Become part of an Antarctic rescue team, braving the elements to rescue terrified passengers from a ship struck by a deadly iceberg that hides deep beneath the Southern Ocean. Wrap up well and settle by the fire.

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. We hope to see children quizzing every 2-3 weeks.

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Maths

Year 4 programme of study

Autumn term	Number	Number	Measurement Area	Number
	Place value	Addition and subtraction		Multiplication and division
	VIEW	VIEW	VIEW	VIEW

Year 5 programme of study

Autumn term	Number	Number	Number	Number
	Place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division	Fractions A
	VIEW	VIEW	VIEW	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.

We will also be introducing 'Times tables rockstars' to help improve the children's fluency. This is an app that can also be accessed from home (details will be sent separately), we ask that the children given the opportunity to access this regularly at home on a tablet or laptop.

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 use selected spellings to write a 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 Friday to ensure spellings are being learnt correctly. Spelling and Grammar books are required in school daily.

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Outdoor learning

Cormorant class will have a full afternoon of outdoor learning each week, this will take place on a Tuesday. These lessons will support the classroom curriculum and will alternate between subjects. The children will need to bring in an alternative set of clothes and shoes that are appropriate for the weather – waterproofs are recommended, we will continue in all weather conditions, if it is safe to do so. We cannot promise that clothes will come back clean or stain-free, so please pack items that are not precious, expensive, or new. The children will be making tie-dye t-shirts in the first lesson – please pack these t-shirts for future outdoor learning lessons. We ask for a small donation of £1 on Parent Pay to help cover the costs of the materials for this project.

If you would like to volunteer to help with outdoor learning, please contact the school office for further information. Your time and help would be appreciated.

PE

PE kit needs to be in school every day. Lessons will be on Thursday. Our games lesson will be run by Saints Southwest (shin pads and football socks are recommended, we do have a small supply in school), and the second lesson will be gymnastics. Please ensure all kit, including shoes, is clearly labelled. As the weather starts to get cooler, 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.

Curriculum Enrichment Day

On the 3rd of November, the 'Under the Canopy' team will be helping us develop our Arctic survival skills. The team of instructors is led by Ex-Royal Marine Commandos who served and learnt survival skills in the jungle, desert and arctic. We will be spending the day at the 'Under the Canopy' woodland site, in the Lanherne Valley. Details to follow.

www.Underthecanopycornwall.co.uk

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 on hello@padstowschool.org to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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