



20th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a great Easter break together and are ready for another productive half term. Thank you to yourselves and the children for your continued hard work at home and at school.

Our topic this half term is 'Blue Abyss'. It is something the children already seem excited about and the topic will cover science based topics from food chains to data classification.

Attached to this letter is a topic web to give you a brief overview of what will be covered in each subject until the end of this half term; and some optional Home Learning ideas.

Below is Oystercatcher's class information. If there is anything you are unclear of or you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and ask us.

Reading

Your child's class reading book has been linked to their reading ability and their understanding is continually monitored through reading tests based on their book. This book can be changed as often as needed.

Children need to read 5 times a week. PLEASE remember to log down your daily reading at home in the Reading Dairy. Children are making fantastic progress on moving up the 'Reading Mountain'! Keep it up Oystercatcher.

Your child will change their book using the levelled books in school. Some children may still be bringing home a RWI book to share with you.

P.E

P.E will be on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon for all Oystercatcher children and they will continue to wear their PE kit to school on these days. It will be outdoors as much as possible.

Homework

This half term we are really focussing on times table practise at home, as well as in school. Please practise daily. Children continue to have their spellings and reading to be completed weekly, as well as a grammar/handwriting practice in their new home learning books weekly. The list of optional home learning ideas to share with your child linked to Blue Abyss is also available on our class web page. Other home learning activities are

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available on SumDog where maths tasks are set regularly. Please ask if you need your child's log on.

Water bottles and snacks

We encourage your child to have water bottles in school so they have access to water throughout the day. Plain water only please. Snacks from home need to be labelled and kept on your child's bag for break time. Please can you help us with our Healthy School status and provide fruit, veg or other healthy snacks.

Spellings and times tables

A half termly spelling sheet is attached as a separate letter. The first spelling test will be Friday 23rd April and then every Friday until end of term.

Year 3 are continuing to fluently know their 3, 6, 4 and 8-times tables.

Year 4 children will be learning all their tables up to the 12 times table.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns regarding anything, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting by emailing hello@padstowschool.org or via telephone.

Yours sincerely

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