



Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

Dear parents/carers,

A huge welcome back after what we hope was a good summer holiday! We welcome our new year 3 children to the Oystercatcher Team and welcome back the Year 4's. We are looking forward to learning together and are excited to be exploring new and interesting areas of the curriculum on their journey through Padstow School.

Our Curriculum focus this half term is 'History Through The Ages', it is a fun and fact packed dive into Britain from the Stone age to the Iron Age. We have some very exciting and engaging activities planned that we are looking forward to sharing with the children. 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.

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

Reading

Your child now has a class reading book which is linked to their reading ability. For some this will be a RWI book which needs to be shared and practised daily at home. For others this will be an 'Accelerated Reader'. As a school, we request that each child reads to an adult or older sibling at least 5 times a week at home. This can be as little as 10 minutes but regular reading is crucial to becoming more fluent readers. They need to discuss and understand the text as they will take a Quiz on the book after reading it. They need to score at least 80% in the Quiz to keep on track with their reading development.

This book can be changed as often as needed. PLEASE remember to log down your daily reading at home in the Reading Dairy, as we are working on moving up the 'Reading Mountain' in class! Your child will change their book using the levelled books in school.

P.E

P.E will be on a Monday afternoon for all Oystercatcher. PLEASE CAN YOUR CHILD COME WEARING THEIR SCHOOL P.E KIT ON A MONDAY -THEY CAN WEAR IT ALL DAY. We suggest tracksuit bottoms or black leggings *as the weather gets colder* and their school jumper over their T-shirt. Please still ensure all P.E kit is clearly labelled.

Homework

The children will have their spellings and reading to be completed weekly and times tables. A list of optional home learning ideas to share with your child linked to History Through The Ages are attached with this letter. Please ensure your child is reading 5

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times a week and this is logged in their reading diary and they practise the weekly times tables.

Water bottles and snacks

We encourage your child to have a labelled water bottle in school, so they have access to water throughout the day. They **MUST** take this home every day for it to be washed and re filled please. Snacks from home need to be kept on your child's drawer 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 also attached as a separate letter. The first spelling test will be Friday 17th September and then every Friday until end of term.

Year 3 will be learning their 3, 6, 4 and 8-times tables this year.

Year 4 children will be learning their 7, 9 and 12-times tables as well as revising all the others!

Please find attached a topic web for this half of the Autumn term. This is just a brief overview of what we will be covering. Again, if you have any questions or concerns regarding anything, please do not hesitate to catch us after school or for a longer chat arrange a meeting through the office.

Yours sincerely,

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