



Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

Tuesday 5th January 2021

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 'Beat, Band, Boogie!'.

Here comes the marching band. Left, right, left, right. Step in time to the beat: 1, 2, 3, 4; let's make sounds, high and low. That sound is loud. That one's quiet. What can you hear? There are sounds all around. What's making each one? Name all the instruments in the band and be part of a 'body orchestra'. Pat your knees, clap your hands, tap your feet, let's move to the beat. Now march up the hill with the Grand Old Duke of York, beating your drum or shaking your shaker. Then it's time to perform. Your audience loves you, so let's take a bow.

I am excited to announce that Kittiwake will be taking part and learning to play African drums and percussion. We will be accessing this through First Access, which is part of one of the key initiatives of the government's National Plan for Music Education. We will have ten weekly music lessons during the Spring term.

Below there is some information about this half term and some ideas about helping your child at home.

Phonics

Kittiwake will start their new/continued Read Write inc groups this week. We will be recapping tricky sounds and working on their comprehension skills.

Please continue to recap all their sounds as regularly as you can. It really is the foundation to becoming fluent readers and writers.

Reading

We will help the children choose new books throughout the week. 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.

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Maths

This half term we will be developing our division and multiplication skills. We will be exploring doubling and halving, sharing and consolidating our knowledge of odd and even numbers.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Autumn	Number: Place Value		Number: Addition and Subtraction						Measurement: Money		Number: Multiplication and Division	Consolidation
Spring	Number: Multiplication and Division			Statistics		Geometry: Properties of Shape		Number: Fractions				
Summer	Measurement: Length and Height	Geometry: Position and Direction		Consolidation and problem solving		Measurement: Time		Measurement: Mass, Capacity and Temperature			Consolidation	

Websites and Apps:

Suggested websites to help support your child's learning:

- Mr Thorne Network on Youtube – fantastic phonics videos.
- BBC Bitesize KS1 (daily lessons)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/z7s22sg/year-2-and-p3-lessons>
- Ruth Miskin
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIg9GdxtQ
- Teach your Monster to read (App)
- Oxford Owls <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/at-school/year-2-at-primary-school/maths-curriculum-year-2-age-6-7/>
- White Rose home learning – here you can find videos explaining the math we have been learning in school.
<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-2/>

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Last term we started to use 'Seesaw' as our online learning platform in Key Stage One. I will upload activities each week linked to what we have been learning.

Maths

I will be sending home a weekly maths activity linked to what we have been learning. This is intended for you to work on together, consolidating the week's learning. There will also be times tables to practise each week. We will be concentrating on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Spellings

Children will have weekly spellings to practise and learn. Each child will have a spelling book in which these weekly spellings can be practised. If your spelling book is full please let me know and I will provide another one. There are lots of different ways to learn their spellings. It is important that they also understand the meaning of the words they are learning. Can they put them into context? Can they write a sentence including one or two? Please find this half terms spelling list attached.

PE

PE will be taught on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school.

Other Information

We encourage your child to have water bottles in school, so they have access to water throughout the day. Snacks from home 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>.

Please could they only bring to school a lunch box (if not having school lunches), coat, hat, gloves, book bag and water bottle. 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 the office and I will endeavour to get back to you the same day.

Yours sincerely

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