



Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would just like to take this opportunity to say hello and welcome to all of you both in school and working at home in Cormorants class! I hope you all had a rested half term together and are ready for the second half of the spring term ahead. A huge THANK YOU must go to yourselves and the children for your continued hard work at home and at school. We know how difficult it has been for many of you juggling home schooling, home life and work.

Our topic this half term is 'Beast Creator'. We are exploring geographical aspects including where different minibeasts are located both around the world and closer to home. We will be exploring this topic through art, geography and science hopefully getting out (when safe to do so) and being practical in our exploration.

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 if those on Google classroom are not enough or you would like a change.

Below is Cormorants' class information. If there is anything you are unclear of or you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and ask.

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 when the children have achieved an 80% pass rate in their reading knowledge test about that book. If your child needs a new accelerated reading book please let us know and we will choose a new one for them and arrange for you to collect this from the drop box.

Children need to read 5 times a week. PLEASE remember to log down your daily reading at home in the Reading Dairy. We will reward children when they get back into school, by checking all the fabulous home reading they have achieved since we last saw them.

The children all have their spellings and reading to be completed weekly, and times tables to practice. The list of optional home learning ideas to share with your child linked to 'Beast Creator' is also available on our class web page. Other home learning

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activities will be updated daily on Google Classroom and Sum Dog maths tasks are set regularly. Please ask if you need a reminder of your child's log on.

Spellings and times tables

A half termly spelling sheet is attached as a separate letter. While we are learning from home there will not be a formal spelling test but feel to test at home once a week if you wish. Spelling tests will normally be every Friday until end of term once we are all back in school.

Year 4 children will be recapping their 6- and 7 and 9-times tables and learning their 12-times table by the end of the year.

Year 5 children are expected to practice all of their times tables and concentrate on the ones they are struggling with.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns regarding anything, please do not hesitate to e mail, message in Google Classroom, or if needed arrange a virtual meeting through the office.

Yours sincerely

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