



Spring Term Newsletter 2 Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Greetings from school! Week 3 is nearly finished and everyone seems to be settling into a rhythm of working now. The Pods have been getting their teeth into the term's topics and the children working hard at home are uploading amazing pieces of work and continuing to engage with the Home Learning on Tapestry, SeeSaw and Google Classroom. Well done, you are all doing a brilliant job!

Home Learning Gallery



After the flurry of photos last week, we haven't received as many this week, but we know that the activities and learning at home is being maintained—here are some pics of outdoor PE, home reading using the Library BorrowBox scheme and beautiful art!



We'd love to feature more Home Learning photos on our display at school, so please email them to: hello@padstowschool.org

School Pod Learning Gallery



KS1 Pod started their new Topic of Land Ahoy!

KS2 Pod A took their Maths lesson outside!



KS2 Pod B worked hard on their Frozen Kingdoms topic!



Online Learning update

A reminder that the simplest way to access websites such as Accelerated Reader and SumDog is to log into Wonde (using your child's iaspire email address & password) and then from the Wonde front page you can click through to these sites as well as Google Classroom. This will ensure you go to the correct page on the learning websites, rather than just typing AR into your search bar, for example.

Pre-School Consultation

As you are aware, Aspire Nurseries are currently in a consultation period for a planned change of Padstow Pre-School from a committee-run single entity to being managed and run by Padstow School and the Aspire Academy Trust. More details can be found on our website:

[Welcome to Padstow School](#)

In light of the current Covid-19 situation, we are not able to hold a stakeholder meeting in person to discuss the process but we still welcome any feedback that you have as this is extremely important to us. We therefore ask that if you have any feedback, please email hello@padstowschool.org by **Friday 12th February** and we will be happy to respond accordingly.

BorrowBox app

This scheme being offered by Cornwall Library Service providing access to 10 free e-books and 10 free audio e-books for every child in a Primary school in Cornwall has been popular! Parents have said that it is easy to set up and their children have enjoyed having a wider range of books available. Did you spot the children reading an e-book in the Home Learning photos overleaf?! The letter explaining how to join up was emailed on 13th January with your child's unique Library Card Number. If you need any help accessing this, please ring the school or email hello@padstowschool.org.

TOP TIPS

Top Tips for everyday Maths at home:

Here are a few ideas from White Rose Maths of activities you can do at home with your child to help with their maths, without it seeming like a maths lesson:

[Top Tips for Everyday Maths at Home | White Rose Maths](#)

- **Estimation jars**

Take a clear jar or box and fill it with lots of different items e.g. toy cars, sweets, coins, dried pasta, wax crayons, cereal, anything you have around the house that can fit in a jar. Children can then estimate how many items they think are in the jar or they can fill them and challenge parents to guess. Once the estimation has been made, count the objects to see how close you were.

- **Card games**

There are Card game ideas on the White Rose Maths website to play at home:

- Number bonds match (for KS1 children)
- Times table blast (for KS2 children)

- **Cooking & baking**

Weighing out ingredients or using multiplication or division to vary the quantities used to make bigger / smaller batches gets children thinking about maths in a practical way.

- **Treasure hunt**

Create a treasure hunt & ask children to think about the route around the house. Some clues could have maths challenges in them.

- **Minute madness**

How many star jumps can you do in a minute? How many times can you write your name in a minute? How many socks can you get into a washing basket in a minute? Just three possible challenges you could set using a countdown timer.

Lockdown Certificates

Here at school we feel it is important to continue to recognize the outstanding effort and hard work of our pupils—even more so during a lockdown, when the majority of them are relying on their own motivation at home to keep going! Each week, the teachers are awarding certificates to children working hard at home AND children in their Pods at school. Here are this week's certificate winners, well done to them all!

Home Learning Certificates:

Puffin: **Caiden D**

Lapwing: **Jayden**

Kittiwake: **May**

Oystercatcher: **Emilia**

Cormorant: **Y4: Sam**

Curlew: **Amber**

School Pod Learning Certificates:

Key Stage 1 Pod: **Joey**

Key Stage 2 Pod A (Y3 & 4): **Harley**

Key Stage 2 Pod B (Y5 & 6): **Grace**

Superb work!

Mrs Whitford awarded one pupil 2 certificates today in school: a Good Work certificate for amazing written work and another for great maths skills! Well done!



Cornwall Council 'Together for Families'

Cornwall Council's Public Health Team have been in touch with all schools to communicate the message that their Health Visitor and School Nursing services are still available to contact if they are needed.

Up to date information and support can be found at:

[Health visiting and school nursing - Cornwall Council](#)