Dear parents,

A huge welcome back (for most of you) after such a long time! We have really missed our class and learning together and are excited to be back as a team to continue our journey through Padstow School. Thank you for all your hard work at home and your support through home learning- we were so proud to see many of your achievements and talk to you about your adventures.

Our topic this half term is ‘Bottoms, burps and bile’. 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 come and ask us.

 **Reading**

 Your Child now has a class reading book which is linked to their reading ability. 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. Some children may still be bringing home a RWI book to share with you.

**P.E**

P.E will be on a Monday afternoon for all Oystercatcher, although we advise children keep their P.E kits in school until the end of term as our P.E time may occasionally change. Please ensure all P.E kit is clearly labelled.

 **Homework**

The children will have their spellings and reading to be completed weekly and times tables. They also have a Maths Booklet to complete 1 page per week. The termly homework project is linked to this topic and will be due in before Christmas (details and dates to follow). A list of optional home learning ideas to share with your child linked to Bottoms. Burps and Bile are attached with this letter.

 **Water bottles and snacks**

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 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 also attached as a separate letter. The first spelling test will be Friday 18th 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 arrange a meeting through the office.

Yours sincerely

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Oystercatcher class teachers.