



# Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter holiday together and are ready for the summer term ahead. A huge THANK YOU must go to yourselves and the children for your continued hard work at home and then such a positive transition to being back at school last term. We know how difficult it was for many of you juggling home schooling, home life and work.

Our topic this half term is 'Alchemy Island'. We are exploring and creating fantasy worlds by learning about geographical features including mapping skills, as well as accompanying music and scientific investigations. We will also be exploring this topic through art and 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.

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. There will be opportunities for children to change their reading book throughout the week.

Children need to read 5 times a week. PLEASE remember to log down your daily reading at home in the Reading Record. We will reward children who read 5 times per week with a golden ticket.

The children all have their spellings, reading and SPAG homework to be completed weekly as well as times tables to practice. The list of optional home learning ideas to share with your child linked to 'Alchemy Island' is also available on our class web page. Sum Dog maths tasks are set regularly. Please ask if you need a reminder of your child's log on.

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## Spellings SPAG Homework and times tables

A half termly spelling sheet is attached as a separate letter. Spelling tests will normally be every Friday until end of term.

SPAG homework will continue to be set every Friday (along with new spellings).

Details of this will be in the **yellow spelling book** so please ensure this is in school **every Friday**.

Year 4 children will be recapping their 6- and 7 and 9-times tables and learning their 11 and 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 finding trickier to learn.

Multiplication tests will also be on a Friday along with regular practice using the 99 Club.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns regarding anything, please do not hesitate to e mail the school on [hello@padstowschool.org](mailto:hello@padstowschool.org), write a note or come and catch me before or after school.

Yours sincerely

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