



Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

Monday 2nd November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school. I hope you had a relaxing half term break and are now ready for more learning and adventures as we lead up to Christmas.

This half term our topic is called 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'.

Let's get messy. Muck and mess are good. In fact, they're marvellous. Dive in and get your hands and feet all sticky and covered in paint. Play with liquids, squish some dough and check out the slushiest and mushiest foods. Pour, mix, stir, splat. How does it feel to get your hands covered in goo? Make a wobbly jelly and draw with wibbly clay. Write recipes, instructions, riddles and poems – there are loads of scrummy words to describe messy mixtures. Work with paint and other squelchy stuff to create a new gallery space. What will you make? How will you arrange it? How will the gallery make you and your visitors feel? Don't worry about the mess – it'll always wash.

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

Phonics

Kittiwake have been working hard in phonics. We have reassessed them and they will be starting in their new/continued groups after the holidays.

This half term Y2 will be undertaking the phonics screening check. I intend to administer the tests in December, which I hope will give them all another 5 weeks of practise. If they do not pass this time, they will retake the test in the Summer term.

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 continuing to learn about addition and subtraction. We will be recapping counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well learning about the value of coins and notes, adding money and finding change. Just before Christmas we will start to explore making and adding equal groups.

	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 <u>Division</u>				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
- 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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Homework:

We have recently 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

We 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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