

Padstow School & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

7th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Oystercatcher 2022/2023. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the term as much we are. We have been busy preparing and planning for the term and cannot wait to welcome all of Oystercatcher class (old and new) back.

Please find attached a curriculum web for this term with an overview of what we will be covering in each subject. This term our curriculum driver is 'Flow'.

From humble beginnings, the river flows down the mountain and into the sea. Pull on your wellies and wade right in. How deep does it go and how fast does it travel? What soil types can you find by the river? Which animals make their homes there? Let's get down to the riverbank and find out. Now hop on an imaginary boat and travel some of the world's most majestic rivers - the Ganges, the Thames, the Amazon, and Nile - and keep a journal as you follow their course. Time to investigate. As part of the local news team, it's your task to track down the source of some mystery pollution. Where did it come from and who is to blame? Let's meander through the world of rivers, taking a dip into their watery world.

Reading

As a school, we request that every child reads at home to an adult or older sibling at least 5 times a week. This can be as little as 10 minutes, but regular reading is crucial to becoming more fluent readers. Reading records and books are required in school daily.

Once your child has finished reading their book, they will be asked to complete a short quiz. This is a short quiz of 5-10 questions which monitors their comprehension and understanding of the text and its vocabulary. Once complete, the children will be helped to select a new book within their reading level. Reading records are collected on Monday by the class teacher, please record **all** the reading your child has completed. We hope to see children quizzing every 2-3 weeks.

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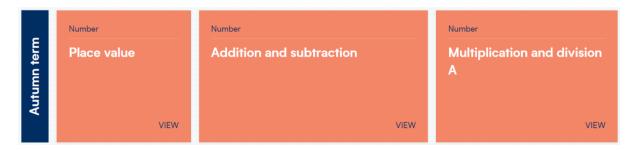


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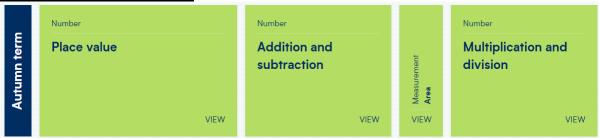
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<u>Maths</u>

Year 3 programme of study



Year 4 programme of study



Multiplications

During the summer term, the year 4 children will take part in the National Multiplication check. We will spend time preparing the children for this. As part of this preparation, all children will come home with multiplication flash cards. Once your child can answer the multiplication with instant recall (without needing to recite the table) they will be given the next set to learn. Year 5 will also receive these cards to help consolidate their prior learning.

We will also be introducing 'Times tables rockstars' to help improve the children's fluency. This is an app that can also be accessed from home (details will be sent separately), we ask that the children given the opportunity to access this regularly at home on a tablet or laptop.

Spellings

Children will have weekly spellings. Please find the spelling list attached and on Google Classroom.

Each child will have a Spelling & Grammar Book in which these weekly spellings can be practised. Children will need to use selected spellings to write a sentence. The

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class teacher will let the children know the expectations for each week. The yellow Spelling and Grammar books will be checked weekly on a Friday to ensure spellings are being learnt correctly. Spelling and Grammar books are required in school daily.

<u>PE</u>

PE kit needs to be in school every day. Lessons will be on Thursday. Our games lesson with be run by Saints Southwest (shin pads and football socks are recommended, we do have a small supply in school), and the second lesson will be gymnastics. Please ensure all kit, including shoes, is clearly labelled. As the weather starts to get cooler, we ask that your child has a PE jumper: jogging bottoms can be worn. All items should be plain black with NO logos or images. A polite reminder that children are not to wear PE kits into school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information or anything else, please do not hesitate to catch me briefly after school. Should you wish to have a longer appointment, please either telephone or email the school on hello@padstowschool.org to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely, Miss D Richards and Miss S Webster Class Teachers

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