



Padstow School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year! Welcome back to school for the first part of the Spring term.

The Y4 classroom door will be open for children to arrive each morning from 8:35am until 8:50am. Any child arriving after this time will need to sign in at the school office as the register will have closed. School dinner requests are recorded alongside the attendance register.

On arrival, children are expected to put their belongings away tidily and begin their early morning activity promptly which will include **quiet reading, English and maths activities and where necessary, closing the gap in their learning from the day before.**

Children can be collected from 3:15 pm at the classroom door, unless written permission has been given to the school for them to walk home alone.

The Spring Term 1 topic web and spelling list are also being sent out with this letter and everything is now available on the website.

As well as commencing their swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons this term, the children will also have PE on a Wednesday afternoon where the focus will be learning the skills central to playing tag rugby. Each child's PE kit should be in school every day as we may take any opportunities arising for additional PE on the field or playground if the weather is good. If children do not have the correct P.E. kit in school, they will not be able to participate in these activities. For health and safety reasons, it is essential that children are dressed appropriately for any physical activity. P.E. kit consists of a blue / white polo shirt, black shorts with plimsolls for indoor activities and trainers for outside. Girls wearing tights to school should have socks to change into. As it is cold at this time of the year, children may wear a plain black sweatshirt over their t-shirt with plain black tracksuit bottoms for outdoor activities.

PLEASE ensure all kit is labelled with your child's name.

Homework - the whole Spring Term project

As our topic this term is the Ancient Greeks, children (and any helpers!) should create a Spartan shield (circular in shape and decorated with patterns, animals or Greek symbols etc.). If you have any questions about this, please ask Mrs Roberts. The Celebration Assembly for these projects will be held at the end of the term and you will be notified soon of when children need to bring their shields in by.

Spellings and Times Tables

Spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday. The whole half-term's list is available on the website. Times tables will be used on a regular basis across the week with any testing taking place when relevant. In addition to the spelling scheme we already have in place, we have also subscribed to the No Nonsense spelling scheme as a further resource to support children in learning and embedding their spellings.

Reading

Reading Records will be checked on a Wednesday for the 4 reads and will be stamped once checked. If children read more than 4 times, that is fantastic.

If you have any questions, feel free to catch Mrs Roberts at the classroom door, but please remember teachers are busy setting up for the day first thing in the morning. If you need to discuss anything in more detail, please make an appointment at the office to speak to either Mrs Roberts or Mrs Whitford.

We are all looking forward to a very busy, productive and enjoyable Spring Term.

Thank you.
Mrs Roberts