



Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

September 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and that the children are looking forward to starting the new term. Both Mrs Bray and I are really looking forward to getting to know your children over the next few weeks. We have been very lucky in Puffin Class to have our classroom completely redone over the summer holidays. Sean, our site manager, has done an amazing job and it is looking completely refreshed for the children to start school. There are some pictures up on our class page on the school website if you would like to take a look!

For the first 2 weeks we will be focusing on the Elmer stories as your children settle into school life and start to learn their new routines. We will then move on to our termly topic called 'Do you want to be friends?'. This topic will help the children get to know each other and some of the adults in school, as well as helping them to think carefully about the qualities that make a good friend. For more information on this term's topic please see the learning web attached.

Reading

Within the first 2 weeks the children will start to bring wordless books home. Although initially it can seem quite daunting to know what to do with these books, they are a vital first step for your child's reading. These books encourage your child to verbally tell stories and spot what is going on in the pictures. Talk about what the characters are doing, how they might be feeling and why, to help them get a good understanding of what might be going on. They could even guess what may happen next in the story and why they think it might happen.

RWI

As a school we use the Read Write Inc scheme to teach phonics and reading. We will start by learning single sound letters like 'm' and 'a' and how to form the letters correctly. When we start our RWI sessions in school, your child will bring home a small green RWI book so you can support their learning. As we learn a new sound we will date the page so you are aware of which sounds your child is familiar with so that you can then help your child practise those sounds at home.

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P.E.

P.E. will be taught on Friday mornings. For this half term, the children do not need to come into school in their P.E. kits as we will be focusing on how to take off/put on their shoes and socks independently. However, it is worth supporting your child at home in practising putting on/taking off their P.E. kit to help with their independence when they need it in school.

Tapestry

We will be using Tapestry as our online tool to record your child's learning. For safeguarding reasons it is necessary for you to agree to our guidelines regarding the use of Tapestry. Consequently, you will receive a letter about Tapestry in the coming days. Please read it and then return the form which should be signed to acknowledge that you understand and will adhere to the guidelines. Thank you.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to quickly ask either myself or Mrs Bray in the morning or, should you need longer, phone the school office to make an appointment.

Best wishes,

Mrs Emma McColville

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