



Padstow School

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

Dear Parents/Guardians

2nd November 2020

I hope you have all had a good and relaxing half term despite the weather!

This term we are going to start with a week focused on Bonfire Night before moving on to our topic 'Why do squirrels hide their nuts?'. In this topic we will focus on seasonal changes in Autumn and Winter, woodland animals, hibernation and migration. For more information on this term's topic please see the learning web attached. Due to the nature of the topic, we are hoping to get out and about in the school grounds as much as we can; consequently, if your child doesn't already have wellies in school, please would you provide them with some to avoid muddy school shoes!

Reading

Before the holidays, we have been working really hard at hearing the initial sounds in words and starting to blend sounds to read a word. Recently, your child came home with a red homework file with some words to practise reading with you. Please ensure that this file stays in their bookbag so we can practise reading their words in school and so we can add new words and challenges for you to support them at home. When you share your child's book, practise their sounds or words in their homework file, please note this in your child's reading record so we can see what you have been doing at home. Many thanks.

P.E.

P.E. will continue to be taught on Friday mornings. This term we are going to be focusing on gymnastics where the children will learn some basic shapes and balances and how to jump and land safely. Just as the older year groups are doing, we ask that your child comes in to school every Friday dressed in their P.E. kit (please find the Uniform Policy on the website) which they will wear all day. Please be mindful that the children will still be going out to break times as normal so tracksuit bottoms/tops (as stated in the Policy, these should be plain black) and waterproof trainers rather than plimsolls/ pumps would be beneficial given the likely weather.

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,

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