



Padstow School & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs K Whitford

10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and that the children are looking forward to starting the new term. We are really looking forward to getting to know the new Reception children as well as seeing the familiar faces of our Year 1 children and hearing all about their holidays.

This term, our topic is 'Let's Explore'. Just as the title suggests, it is all about exploring! We will explore our school and its grounds, share adventure stories and learn about some famous explorers. For more information on this term's topic, please see the learning web attached.

Reading & RWI

Reception Parents:

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. Please talk about what the characters are doing, how they might be feeling and why, to help the children gain 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.

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.

Year 1 Parents:

We will be assessing the children within the first few days of returning to school and plan to start formal RWI sessions from next week. Your child will receive a reading book that is appropriate for their RWI group. We encourage you to aim to read at least 5 times a week with your child and to note down in their reading records each time they have read with you.

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Please continue to practice the speed sounds in your child's sound books (the mini green or yellow books).

P.E.

P.E. will be taught on Wednesday afternoons. We ask that your child comes in to school every Wednesday dressed in their school P.E. kit 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 and waterproof trainers rather than plimsolls / pumps would be beneficial, given the likely weather as Autumn develops.

Outdoor Learning

If you are able to provide them, we ask that the children bring in a named pair of wellington boots that can stay in school throughout the year so the children can access outside learning throughout the week. This term, Puffin Class will be taking part in outdoor learning around the school grounds / woodland area every Thursday afternoon. We plan to go out whatever the weather so please ensure your child wears appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather that day (along with a school jumper). For example, tracksuit trousers or joggers may be sensible as these clothes are likely to get muddy/dirty.

Water Bottles

Each day please provide your child with a named water bottle (containing plain water only) so they are able to access it freely throughout the day. These bottles should go home every day to be washed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to briefly ask either myself or one of the other Puffin Class staff in the morning or, should you need longer, telephone or email the school office to make an appointment.

Kind Regards,

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