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Puffins and Otters Newsletter Terms 3 and 4

Dear Parents/Guardians

Topics for the Term

Please see the attached sheet for a summary curriculum topic map of what will be covered over the next two terms.

Maths

This term we are focussing on consolidating the children's recognition and understanding of numbers to 5 and extending this knowledge to 10. We use Numberblocks as a starter for each week. You can access this on BBC iPlayer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>

We will be practising finding simple addition pairs in the hope that they will be able to recall these from memory e.g. $2+1=3$, $2+2=4$. They should also be able to identify one more than a given number to 5.

Phonics

By the end of Term 3 we will have introduced all initial (alphabet sounds). Please see the weekly Teams overview for which sounds we are teaching each week. Phonics Play is a fantastic resource which will help support the work we do in class with the added bonus of the children thinking that they are playing a game.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Reading

Hearing your child read their school book to you is the **most important activity you can do**. We expect that you will hear your child read at least 3 times a week. Over learning and rereading the same book many times is essential if they are to embed the phonics and blending skills we are teaching them in class. We ask you to please make a comment in their reading record book when you hear them read.

Another essential part of their learning is you reading to them, modelling this skill and establishing a love of books and reading. This is a great way of introducing your child to more challenging vocabulary and story plots. Audio books and story times on the television are also great resources for widening your child's exposure to books. Encourage your child to talk about what they have heard. How did the story make them feel? Who was their favourite character and why? Talk about the sequence of the story?

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Our library day is a Tuesday.

TEAMS

We send home a weekly newsletter via TEAMS. This will give you information on that week's phonics, maths and any topic activities that you could do with your child to support our work in class.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have not sent back your child's PE kit please do so ASAP.

Please ensure children with shoulder length hair or longer have their hair tied back. If your child has pierced ears, their earrings will need to be removed in these sessions.

Please ensure all coats, school clothes, wellies and plimsolls are clearly labelled with their name.

Water

It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day. In order to do this, children need a **named** water bottle that they can use during the day. Please make sure this does not leak and has a 'sports top' lid. These can be bought in the school office. The children are strongly encouraged to drink water, not squash.

Snacks and Milk

The children have access to a fruit snack in the afternoons. They may bring in a snack from home should they prefer, however this should be a piece of fruit or a non-chocolate cereal bar. All four year olds are entitled to free milk, however you must register this on the Cool Milk website. If your child is over 5 you can pay for this.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

Yours sincerely

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