

# Padnell Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another exciting year as part of the Padnell Community. We do hope that you and your families had a restful and happy festive season whatever you chose to do and whatever your beliefs.

As well as continuing to do the very best for your children by providing a rich and engaging curriculum full of visitors, special events, showcases and trips, we will be ensuring that our personalised provision meets the needs of each individual so that they achieve the very best they can. Every day we engage in dialogue about individuals to see what else we can do to help your child succeed. This may lead to the delivery of an intervention programme designed to boost your child's attainment. It may result in them becoming one of my own writing partners to provide a purposeful opportunity to practice their writing or it may result in your child working in an extension group to take their learning on further.

What we do know though, is that those children who have parents or family members who support them with reading at home or in the completion of Home Learning Tasks tend to have increased confidence and a more positive attitude to learning. As a result of this, put simply, they achieve more. In accordance with our Home School Agreement, which you will have signed on starting here at Padnell, we ask that you regularly read with your child at home and record these times in the reading record provided. We appreciate lives are busy with more working parents but this really does make a difference to your child's learning. All that is required is a minimum of 4 ten minute sessions per week and a date and signature in the record book. If you would like help in knowing how to read with your child do please speak with the class teacher directly. Later on in the year we hope to have some videos on our website to help you further.

With regards to home learning we send out either a Maths or English task every Thursday and ask that it is handed in by the following Tuesday. This gives you the Friday to ask any questions regarding it and for any resources you may not be able to provide. It also allows you the opportunity to either get it out of the way before the weekend or complete it after your very important weekend family time. As a working mum I understand the pressure of having school work to do with a number of children during a weekend so try to make it as stress free an experience as possible. Home Learning Tasks are set for the children and should only

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**R**esilient learner  
**O**riginal thinker  
**W**ise worker



require a little guidance and encouragement from you as parents. We want to establish the importance of home and school working together rather than school being seen as the only place you learn. Again if you have any questions regarding this please speak to the class teacher.

Both reading and homework is celebrated in school via the receiving of raffle tickets and classroom displays and “sharing” sessions. I look forward to sharing the success of the children with them over the next coming term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mandy Grayson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs Mandy Grayson  
Headteacher