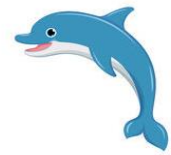


Dolphin Class Reception & Year 1



Ireleth St Peter's C of E Primary School
Autumn Term

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Summer holiday. It has been lovely to see lots of new happy and excited faces in Dolphin Class! We have been busy making lots of beautiful artwork to display in the classroom and around the school this week. The children have enjoyed making new friends and sharing their news from the holidays! Miss Ritchie, Miss Dodd and I are excited about the year ahead and are looking forward to getting to know your child more as they embark upon a new year at ISP!

P.E

Dolphin Class will be participating in 2 P.E sessions every week. Please ensure that their clothing and P.E kit are clearly marked with their name to avoid confusion. P.E kits will be sent home at the end of every half term to be washed. They do not need to be brought in every day. It is important to ensure that earrings are removed on this day (Thursday).

Big Maths

On a Friday morning, Year 1 children will answer Big Maths questions and a copy of the tests will be sent home with the children to practice at home. Starting in the Spring Term, Reception children will also participate in Big Maths tests and I will provide further details of this at the time.



Show & Tell

Due to the large increase of numbers this year, I have grouped the children into 4 different days to allow enough time for everyone to share something if they wish. Please ensure they only bring in **1 item**. Show & tell is a great way to build on confidence and develop speech whilst sharing something special with their new friends.

Curriculum

Dolphin Class will continue to learn through the creative curriculum in place through a mixture of child-initiated play and adult-structured activities. This term, our topic will be 'Under the Sea'. We will be focusing on a new book every 2 weeks and the children will be engaging in a variety of Literacy, Maths and Topic work linking with the book. The children will also have Science, RE, Topic, Music, PSHE and Spanish lessons! This term, the children have an exciting new 'Pirate Ship' in their classroom where I am sure they will enjoy using their fantastic imaginations during continuous provision opportunities!



Reward System

This year, we will be continuing to use our online behaviour system- 'Class Dojo'. For new starters, I have sent home your login details which will allow you to access your child's individual page. The following are just some of the ways the children can gain dojo points: -

- Being kind
- Challenging themselves
- Excellent listening
- Super tidying
- Bringing homework on time
- Reading at home

Once they reach a multiple of 20 dojo points, they will get a prize! Prizes include pencils, rubbers, rulers, notepads etc.

Equipment

Your child should only bring in **1 bag** (either school book bag or a backpack large enough for a reading folder) containing everything they need for the school day. Their reading folder should consist of their reading record and book, phonics folder and spelling book (Y1 only).

Milk

Children under 5 will carry on receiving free milk daily. If your child is in Year 1 and you would like them to continue receiving milk, please send the correct money in a named envelope so I know how much milk to order.

Half term = £3.50

Full term = £7.50



Tuck Shop/Water Bottles

The children will continue to have the opportunity to purchase a small snack for 10-20p at break times. However, fruit will be available daily for all the children to enjoy. Water bottles can be filled up in school and will be sent home on a Friday to be washed at home and brought back into school on a Monday.

** Hot dinners are free for all children in Dolphin Class (Reception-Year 1). They are healthy and delicious and made on-site by our wonderful cook, Mrs Buckingham! **

Homework and Home School Books

Each Friday, all children in Reception will receive a home challenge every 2 weeks full of fun activities. In the weeks in-between, they will receive homework with a Literacy/Maths focus. In addition to this, they will have an home school book so you can read all about what we have been up to! Children in Year 1 will be set homework linked to their spellings for that week. Please return all homework books by the following Wednesday. Spelling books (Y1) will be sent home to allow children to practise for weekly spelling tests. I will also send home a small pack of resources specific to your child's needs to help them develop their phonics skills.

Thank-you – Miss Jackson

If you have any questions you would like to ask me now or throughout the Autumn Term, please do not hesitate to contact me at sjackson@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk